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Israeli crashes barrier, killed by PA Police

ALON PINKAS and JON IMMANUEL

PALESTINIAN police shot dead an Israeli who drove through IDF and Palestinian Police roadblocks at the northern entrance of the Gaza Strip yesterday, in what was an apparent suicide, police said.

The victim, Emanuel Maloul, 48, of Kiryat Ono, suffered from brain cancer and had undergone 12 operations in the last several years, according to family members.

The IDF and Palestinian Police issued similar reports of the incident. At approximately 1 p.m., a car bearing Israeli license plates broke through the IDF checkpoint at Erez Junction and sped southward, breaking through four Palestinian Police roadblocks, and lightly injuring a Palestinian policeman.

The car was finally stopped by Palestinian policemen near Beit Hanoun.

Army sources confirmed that Maloul died in the hospital as a result of bullet wounds to the chest from gunfire by Palestinian policemen near Beit Hanoun.

According to army sources, Maloul was a reserve lieutenant-colonel who had commanded the IDF trackers unit in his last army posting. The sources said that lately Maloul suffered from mental distress, apparently caused by his worsening brain cancer.

His body was transferred from Shifa Hospital in Gaza City to Israeli authorities later in the day.

Police said they are checking whether the man was intent on committing suicide, as his wife indicated to policemen when told of her husband's death yesterday morning.

Maloul's wife said she was surprised by her husband's action, since her husband had not driven for several years because of severe leg problems. Maloul's brother, Ya'acov, told Channel 1 that his brother was paralyzed on the entire left side of his body. But he denied that his brother's wife had told police her husband planned to commit suicide.

"He already had 12 or 13 operations but he was a man who took good care of his family. This is a surprise to us. He wasn't the type to think of things like this," Ya'acov Maloul said.

Maloul is survived by his wife, two sons, 17 and 19, and two daughters, 12 and 16.

Gen. Nasser Yusef, the director of public security in Gaza and Jericho, confirmed that Israeli authorities are checking the possibility of suicide.

Yusef told a press conference later that Maloul broke through the Israeli checkpoint, then the Palestinian checkpoint and the checkpoint of the joint patrol, finishing up at the Palestinian customs house, some three kilometers inside Gaza.

He said Palestinian policemen fired in the air, then at the wheels, then at the body of the

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President Ezer Weizman visits the junior high school in Jerusalem's Malha neighborhood on Friday. (Brian Hendler)

Many secondary schools stay closed

Jerusalem Post Staff and Itim

SECONDARY schools in numerous locations will remain closed this morning due to the teachers' strike over school security.

In Ashdod, Ashkelon, Beersheba, Bat Yam, Gedera, Herzliya, Hadera, Dimona, Tirat Carmel, Acre, Petah Tikva, Kiryat Ata, and Rehovot, secondary schools are not expected to open, but pupils and parents are advised to listen to the radio for updates.

All schools are expected to open in Tel Aviv and Haifa, after the mayors of both cities committed themselves to providing guards. In Nes Ziona, Kiryat Ono, and in other localities negotiations were continuing late last night.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal said yesterday that the teachers' strike was politically motivated, and placed the blame on Avraham Ben-Shabbat, the chairman of the Histadrut Teacher's Union.

"Next year there are primaries and elections for the Knesset, and it is no secret that one of the strike leaders is a candidate. Therefore it does not hurt to appear in the media as a determined and outspoken man. The public and especially the parents should condemn a person who is using children for his personal aims," said Shahal, speaking on Army Radio.

Ben-Shabbat responded by saying that the strike was over a matter of principle and not a political issue. "I am not competing against Shahal and I personally support him," he said.

The Education Ministry estimated that about half of secondary school students began school on Friday, whereas all kindergartens and elementary schools were open except for those in areas in which there were other disputes. About 500,000 pupils remained at home, the ministry said.

The government had decided last month to post guards at elementary schools and in all schools in areas regarded as "sensitive," such as Jerusalem and the territories. Security for secondary schools is to be provided by mobile police patrols.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Friday police could do a better job than guards. During a visit to a school near Tel Aviv, Rabin said: "What does a 16- or 17-year-old youth need a guard for? When I was that age, I was doing night guard duty."

Before schools opened Friday, the Secondary Schools Teachers Association said that only schools with armed guards would open.

Secondary schools opened in Rishon Lezion, Netanya, Holon, Karmiel, Sderot, Ofakim, Eilat and other locations after local authorities hired security guards for the schools at their expense. In some cities, such as Herzliya, Haifa, and Tel Aviv, guards were arranged by individual schools, and these schools also opened.

Schools in some areas will remain closed due to local disputes unrelated to the security issue.

In Dimona, a strike was called because of a dispute between the municipality and the Education Ministry. Mayor Gaby Lalouche claims that the municipality only received NIS 200,000 this year for the opening of the school year from the ministry as compared with NIS 400,000 last year.

Five Arab schools in Jaffa are striking against the integration of 100 children from family of Palestinian collaborators.

September 18 pact signing unlikely

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

AN agreement between Israel and the Palestinians on implementing the next phase of the Oslo accord is not likely to be signed by September 18, the target date set by Washington.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told Israel Radio on Friday he was confident an agreement with the Palestinians could be written and signed by the end of the month. But speaking in Italy yesterday to Reuter, he said, "I'm confident there will be an agreement, but I can't tell you when."

On Friday, chief Palestinian negotiator Ahmed Qreia said he doubted an agreement would be ready in time for a mid-September signing.

Peres said yesterday that talks on Palestinian self-rule would resume today in Eilat, but he urged PLO leader Yasser Arafat to consolidate his authority to shore up the peace process.

Peres spoke from Cernobbio in northern Italy, where he met later Friday with Arafat to review the autonomy negotiations. Peres termed the 50-minute informal talk with Arafat as a "business-like," one, in which they agreed on a timetable for further negotiations. Peres and Arafat were attending an economic conference in the town, on Lake Como.

"We mainly tried to set up an itinerary for the talks – where, when and in what order. And we were more or less in agreement," Peres said.

He said he and Arafat would probably meet again this week "to handle various doubts."

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said on Friday that the Israeli and PLO negotiators have written 320 pages of a draft agreement. In areas of disagreement, the draft cites both the Israeli and the Palestinian position.

The key sticking point is the fate of Hebron. The Palestinians insist that IDF troops leave Hebron, in line with earlier promises to pull out of Palestinian population centers. Erekat said the PLO has made some allowances for an Israeli security presence, but that Israel has rejected the plan.

Asked if an IDF pullout from Hebron was the main stumbling block, Peres answered: "Yes."

"This will be one of the issues discussed by Arafat and myself," he added. "If we [resolve it], then we may go to Washington for a conclusion, but we don't want to publish any dates yet. We'll see how things are going at the end of next [this] week."

Peres criticized Arafat for his speech to a symposium on Friday in which the PLO leader chided Israel for the slow pace of the negotiations.

"I think he made a mistake," Peres said. "This was not the time or the place to do that. It is always Israel that is having to make all the concessions."

The Palestinians also demand that the 5,000 Palestinian security detainees held by Israel be freed in three stages, and that the release dates be part of the autonomy agreement. Israel has not responded to this demand, Erekat told The Associated Press.

Erekat said some progress has been made on Palestinian general elections, tentatively scheduled for later this year.

A key sticking point is the participation of Palestinians who live in eastern Jerusalem.

Israel has agreed to let Palestinians from east Jerusalem vote in the elections, but it has rejected PLO demands that polling stations be set up in the city and that Jerusalem Arabs run for office in the PA's self-rule council.

Negotiators in Eilat "are concentrating efforts on arrangements for the citizens of Jerusalem to participate in the elections within the electoral district of Jerusalem," Erekat said, but would not give more details.

IAI will upgrade Turkey's Phantoms

ALON PINKAS

ISRAEL Aircraft Industries (IAI) has signed a framework agreement with the government of Turkey to upgrade the Turkish air force's fleet of 54 Phantom F-4 jets. Industry officials confirmed that the deal is worth $600 million, but emphasized that the final agreement has not yet been signed.

The five-year agreement is perceived by Israeli defense officials as a milestone in Turkish-Israeli relations, and a formidable addition to the strengthening of strategic ties between Israel and Turkey, a NATO member and a Moslem state. The agreement, said one official, was finalized during Prime Minister Tansu Ciller's visit to Israel in November last year.

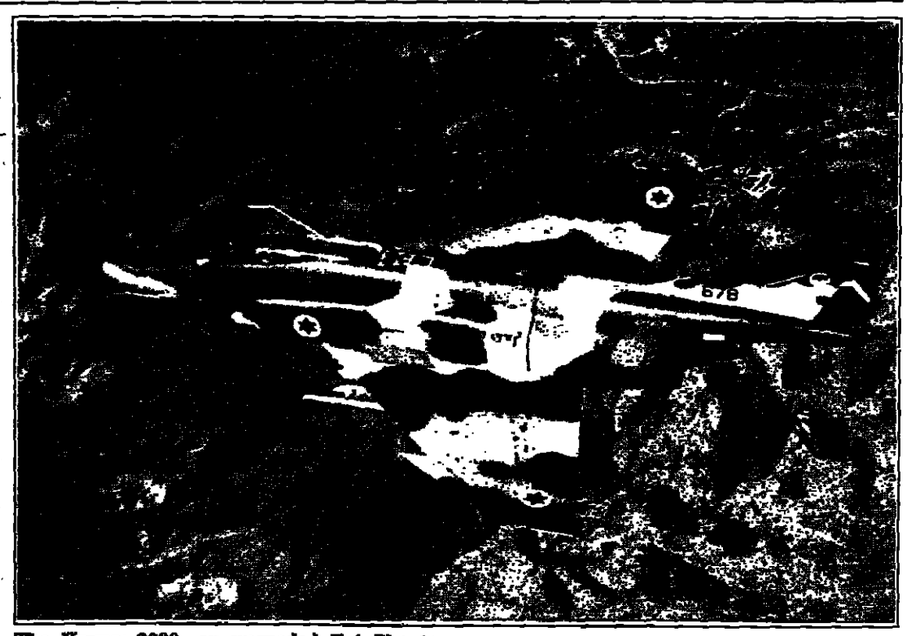
The deal will upgrade the F-4 Phantom, a reliable, durable but 1960s-vintage fighter-bomber to the level of the Israeli air force's Kurnas-2000, itself an upgraded Phantom. The Kurnas (Sledgehammer) is entirely different from the Phantom, although it is built on the same reliable platform. The first Kurnas-2000 was delivered to the air force in 1989.

The upgrading itself will include the installation of advanced avionics systems including Elta-made high-resolution all-aspect radar (different from the radar used in the Kurnas-2000), main computer, electronic warfare, armament systems and new navigation systems.

The upgraded Phantom has a life expectancy of at least 15 to 20 years once all modifications of the program have been installed.

The upgrading itself will take place both at IAI's Bedek plant in Lod and in Turkey, and is considered one of the major deals concluded by IAI.

Several other Israeli industries will participate with IAI as subcontractors, including Elbit, Elta, El-Op, Elisra, Astronautics, Orbit and Rafael.



The Kurnas-2000, an upgraded F-4 Phantom.

Japanese PM to visit soon

DAVID MAKOVSKY

JAPANESE Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama is planning to make a trip to Israel two weeks from today, making him the first Japanese premier to visit here.

Murayama is also planing to visit Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan, with Israel planned for the last stop. The trip is expected to be formally announced soon.

To accommodate the visit, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is expected to delay by one day his departure to Washington, where he will sign the agreement on expanding Palestinian self-rule throughout the territories.

American diplomatic sources say they expect Rabin to leave Israel September 17 and arrive in Washington just a few hours before the ceremony begins.

Regional radio starts broadcasting

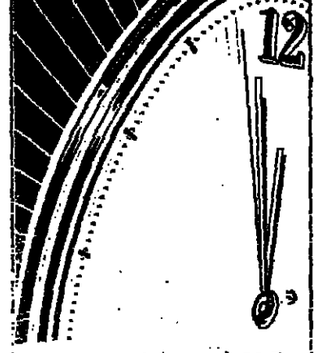
THREE regional radio stations launched their broadcasts on Friday, some four years after the establishment of the Second Television and Radio Authority.

"The State of Israel is opening at this moment a new era in our electronic communications and in the Israeli economy," said Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, in a statement opening the morning's broadcasts. "Good luck to all of us."

Radio Jerusalem, Radio Haifa and Radius, operating in the Sharon, are to be joined today by Kol Hayam Ha'adom, operating in Eilat. The Dan area's Radio Lelo Hafsaka station is due to begin broadcasting September 12. The broadcast of two other stations is being held up by lawsuits. Eventually there will be a total of 16 regional stations.

Shortly before broadcasts began at 9 a.m. on Friday, staffers in the studio of Radio Jerusalem were nervously gulping down cups of coffee. A short ceremony was held at which Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni

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Clocks were set back one hour at midnight last night, as daylight saving time ended.

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3 Palestinian offices in Jerusalem likely to remain open

BILL HUTMAN

THREE Palestinian institutions that only a week ago were slated for closure by police for their alleged connection with the Palestinian Authority now appear certain to be allowed to remain open.

Over the weekend, the Palestinian Health Center and Palestinian Broadcasting Authority signed declarations affirming they were independent of the PA, which police had set as a condition for not carrying out the closure orders that police presented them last Monday.

Today, the Palestinian Statistics Center is expected to sign a similar declaration. "There are some small differences we want to work out with the police before signing," said center attorney Mohammed Dahoud.

Dahoud sent several changes wanted by the statistics center on the declaration to the ministry yesterday, with the two sides expected to work on the differences today.

The compromise that has allowed the institutions to remain open was reached Wednesday between Police Minister Moshe Shahal and Ahmed Qureia (Abu Alla), in Eilat.

On Friday, the compromise was formalized in a letter sent from the PA in Gaza to Shahal, a Police Ministry spokesman said. Friday was originally the deadline set for the institutions to close on their own, or face closure by police.

Included in the compromise is a PA commitment to keep to the Cairo Accord's limitation of PA activity only in Gaza and Jericho, the spokesman said.

Shahal also promised to review regulations for allowing Palestinians into Jerusalem and to Moslem holy sites in the city, the spokesman added.

Meanwhile, Palestinian pupils and their parents from schools nearby the vigil taking place by Orient House demonstrated there yesterday, forcing police to evacuate vigil participants out of concern for their safety.

Several demonstrators set fire to the small encampment where the vigil was being held.

However, the fire was put out by policemen before causing major damage. There were no arrests.



Pope John Paul II greets PLO leader Yasser Arafat at the pope's summer residence in Castelgandolfo, Italy, where Arafat thanked him for the Holy See's support of the Palestinian cause. (AP)

Palestinians: Boycott Jerusalem fest

PALESTINIAN leaders yesterday called for a boycott of celebrations beginning this week to mark 3,000 years since King David declared his capital in Jerusalem.

"These celebrations are the celebrations of occupying Jerusalem," said Faisal Husseini, the senior PLO leader in Jerusalem.

Husseini was speaking at Orient House at a Palestinian "Jerusalem Conference" attended by 200 people.

"We should have a clear position against these celebrations which deny completely the true Arab reality of the holy city. The Europeans have boycotted it and so should we," he said, referring to a decision by the European Union not to participate in the 15-month-long series of events.

Palestinian leaders representing different political factions and religious groups also discussed the future of Palestinian institutions that Israel has threatened to close in Jerusalem because it says they are illegal offices of the Palestinian Authority.

"The extremists who want to turn the city into a Jewish town cannot do so because they have to demolish every church, every house and every wall," Roman Orthodox Bishop Lutfi Laham told the conference.

But Arab residents were not satisfied with speeches and demanded Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority send them more support.

"Before you start talking about Judaization, why aren't you doing anything to stop the collapse of our institutions, our schools and our medical institutions in the city," shouted school accountant Hadil Budairi.

The participants applauded in approval.

They called on Arab countries to aid the institutions and help protect them against harassment by settlers who have been campaigning for their closure. (Reuter)

Tibi says letter claiming he gives PA funds to Israeli Arab parties is just a forgery

Jerusalem Post Staff

SPECIAL advisor to Yasser Arafat Dr. Ahmad Tibi, named in a Palestinian Authority letter as the dispenser of PA money to Arab parties in Israel, says the letter has been certified as a forgery by an independent investigator.

Tibi also says that the PA intends to lodge a complaint with Israeli police and demand that those responsible for distributing the letter be punished.

The existence of the letter, one of a dozen letters indicating the alleged transfer of monies from the PA to the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PECDAR) for illegal purposes, was revealed in *The Jerusalem Post* and other newspapers on June 20.

At the time, Tibi and Samir Huleileh, a director of PECDAR, dismissed the letters as forgeries. But neither the CIA nor Israeli sources would comment on their authenticity.

The letters made their way to American newspapers, including the *New York Times*, the offices of several members of Congress and most recently to the Norwegian news agency.

The Arab Israeli weekly *Saut al-Haq wa'l-Hurriya*, an organ of the Islamic Movement, headlined the story of the letters on its front page of August 25. It stated that what can be concluded from these documents is that the PA activities include allotting money to political bodies and town councils in the Israel Arab community.

"In one of the documents cited, Ahmad Tibi appears as the trustworthy agent of the PA in charge of the transactions," the *Saut al-Haq* report states.

It also says MK Abdel Wahab Darawshe has denied getting any money from sources other than strictly legal ones.

Darawshe said that if the documents are genuine, they should be probed, "because there are those who are more entitled to the money than those mentioned in the letter."

The investigator cited by Tibi, *Leket Meida* (Information Collection), asserts that all the letters are forgeries. Graphologist Ora Cabiri maintains that one of the signatures, that of Huleileh, is a forgery.

BARRIER

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vehicle, which crashed into a cement barrier. Maloul was killed by "a bullet which struck him in the back," Yusef said.

Yusef said that Palestinian policemen who took the fatally wounded man to Shifa Hospital were surprised to find that Maloul, wearing shorts and a sweatshirt, had crutches in the car. Yusef had no comment on reports that a Palestinian policeman was wounded and that Maloul had tried to run down Palestinians in a possible suicide attack.

Col. Saab al-Ajas, commander of the police in the northern sector of Gaza, said Maloul had apparently wanted "to run down Palestinian policemen or citizens," but he acknowledged receiving a warning that the car had broken through the IDF's Erez checkpoint, Itim reported.

"The man [Maloul] told his wife in the morning that he wanted to commit suicide. She didn't know where he was going," Yusef told reporters in Gaza yesterday. According to news agencies, Palestinian policemen spoke to Maloul's wife through the cellular phone in his car.

The incident marks the first time the Palestinian authorities have killed an Israeli since they took charge of security in Gaza and Jericho in May 1994. Both Palestinian Police sources and IDF officials confirmed that a joint investigation is being launched into the incident.

No weapons were found in Maloul's possession or in his car.

Hamas leader may establish political party

JON IMMANUEL

DR. Mahmoud Zahar, a leading Hamas spokesman in Gaza who was jailed a month ago by the Palestinian Police, has told Palestinian journalists he is prepared to establish a political party.

Zahar was speaking to three journalists Thursday from the pro-Hamas *Quds Press* who had themselves been reportedly arrested, but were in fact summoned by the police to interview Zahar in jail.

Other leading Hamas activists outside jail, demanding anonymity, said in reaction to Zahar's reported comments that Hamas was not yet ready to form a political party.

It is understood that to form a political party and compete in elections to a Palestinian council Hamas would have to renounce violence.

In April police released Zahar's counterpart in Islamic Jihad, Abdullah Shami, after three months in jail. Shami said on his release that Islamic Jihad should consider ways to oppose Israel, other than through violence, to avoid confrontation with the Palestinian Authority. His comments opened a rift in Islamic Jihad.

Collaborators signing up for Likud Party primaries

DOZENS of collaborators from the territories are registering for the Likud primaries after declaring their disappointment in the Labor Party.

The collaborators, who live in the Sderot region, met recently with Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu and other Likud MKs, including Uzi Landau, Sylvan Shalom, and Michael Eitan.

Netanyahu promised to help the collaborators, who told him they live in poverty and their lives are in danger. The Labor Party has ignored them after they gave their lives for the state's security, they said.

One collaborator, who lives in Ashdod, said a group of them has been monitoring developments in the region, and that they believe the collaborators will indeed have some bearing on the primaries. "Our lives are hard, we face death daily," he said. "Many of us still do not have Israeli citizenship and we have an uncertain standing. I feel like the Rabin government threw us to the dogs. You can't live on a Defense Ministry stipend. I have seven children and I get NIS 1,800 a month – that's not enough for milk and bread. I don't regret what I did for the country, but we should at least be accepted as equals."

Asked if he thought the Likud would improve the collaborators' lives, he said: "I'm not sure we'll get the same conditions as Israeli citizens, but I believe they'll improve." He added that "Palestinian Security Service murderers commanded by Jibril Rajoub are wandering free in Tel Aviv looking for collaborators. Bibi Netanyahu promised that when he becomes prime minister he'll look out for us." He added that many collaborators were dealing drugs because of their financial plight. (Itim)

Peres: Syria and Israel don't understand each other

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday that making peace with Syria was slow because neither side understood the other.

The Syrians "understand that there is no other choice," Peres said in an interview with Army Radio from Milan, Italy, where he had attended a meeting with prominent bankers, political leaders and business figures.

Peres said he could not follow why Syria had declared a strategy of peace, but had adopted a tactic of progressing "at a snail's pace."

"That's something I don't understand. Perhaps they don't know how to read our [political] map. It could be that there is total misunderstanding between us. They don't understand our thoughts and decision-making process and we don't understand theirs," Peres said.

Israel Radio reported yesterday that US Secretary of State Warren Christopher will return to the region at the end of the month for visits to Jerusalem and Damascus.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rabin to hold meeting on bypass roads

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will hold a meeting in his office this week of military and other officials to discuss progress being made on construction of bypass roads in Judea and Samaria.

Various sources have accused the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, the Nature Reserves Authority, and the National Parks Authority for delaying the building of the roads. However, this was strongly disputed by Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, who said last night the situation was "exactly the opposite." *Itim*

Two Iraqis try to enter country

Two Iraqi citizens were caught after crossing illegally into Israel Friday, and sent back to Jordan yesterday.

The two were apprehended near the Dead Sea Works factories by workers in two separate locations and turned over to the IDF. The infiltrators, who were armed, were interrogated and it was decided to send them back to Jordan. *Itim*

Jew allegedly stabs Arab in capital

A Jewish man, 60, was arrested yesterday afternoon for stabbing an Arab man, 70, during an argument near the Haas Promenade in Jerusalem. The victim suffered light wounds to his back.

Witnesses said they saw a religious man jump on the Arab and stab him with a kitchen knife.

Police were questioning both men last night, with the suspect denying he had stabbed the Arab. *JP Staff*

First elected mayor of Jerusalem dies at 96

Shlomo Zalman Shragai, who served as mayor of Jerusalem and head of the Jewish Agency, and who was a leading member of the National Religious Party, died yesterday at the age of 96.

Shragai was elected mayor in 1951, the first elected mayor of the city after the founding of the state. He was also an author and journalist who contributed regularly to *Hatzofeh* for years. *Itim*

Two die on roads

TWO pedestrians were killed and 21 people were injured in weekend traffic accidents.

Iskara Nissenbaum, 63, of Ashkelon died yesterday morning from injuries she suffered when she was hit by a jeep after midnight as she was walking on the sidewalk. Police said the driver of the jeep, Prosper Azgi, 33, also of Ashkelon, had swerved to avoid hitting a car that failed to yield the right of way. Nissenbaum was taken to Barzilai Hospital, where she died.

In Holon last night, a 66-year-old woman was killed in a hit-and-run accident when she was run over by a car while crossing the street.

Seventeen people were hurt over Shabbat in three accidents in the North. Three cars were involved in a crash on the Acre-Safed road in which 10 people were hurt. North of Nahariya, four people were hurt Friday night, one seriously, in a crash. A Kiryat Arba pedestrian was injured when he was hit by a bicycle being driven by a 20-year-old woman, who was also carrying her five-year-old brother. The two of them were also injured in the accident.

In Rishon Lezion yesterday, the driver of a car was seriously hurt and two passengers were slightly hurt when he lost control of the car and hit a lamp post.

Yesterday morning, a motorcyclist was seriously injured near the Zemah Beach along the Kinneret when he crashed into a car. Earlier yesterday, a 19-year-old man was seriously hurt in a hit-and-run accident near the Baruki Beach in the region. (Itim)

RADIO

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displayed the symbols of the first four stations to broadcast.

The broadcast on all three stations opened with a round-table discussion with Aloni; the heads of the Second Television and Radio Authority, Nahman Shai and Gideon Doron; and Moshe Shlonsky, head of Army Radio. The discussion was moderated by Radio Jerusalem's Ayana Ayalon.

Shortly afterwards, Ayalon announced the Radio Jerusalem jingle, and instead Ehud Olmert's voice came across the airwaves. Michael Dak, the head of Radio Jerusalem, smiled as he acknowledged regional radio's first technical glitch. (Itim)

The eight-page New York Times *Weekly Review* including US and world news and views, business, arts and crossword distributed free with THE JERUSALEM POST every Monday

Gaddadfi urges Arab states to send Palestinians 'home'

CAIRO (AP) – Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi has urged that Arab countries expel their Palestinian residents to expose the deception of the Israeli-PLO peace agreement.

Gaddafi made the remarks during a two-hour speech Friday night in the Mediterranean city of Sirte to mark the 26th anniversary of the military coup that brought him to power.

Gaddafi said Palestinians had been welcomed as guests in Libya because their land was occupied after the creation of Israel in 1948.

Gaddafi, long critical of the deal, chided PLO leader Yasser Arafat's acceptance of governance in only Judea/Samaria and Gaza.

"We finally accept this... We accept that Palestine is the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The 30,000 Palestinians whose land has been liberated, let them go to the liberated territory," he said.

In deep sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, and aunt

HENY SAVIR
(née Glantz)
Widow of Leo Savir ז"ל

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, September 3, 1995 (Elul 8, 5755), and will leave from the Sanhedria funeral home at 4:30 p.m. to Har Hamenuhot in Jerusalem.

The mourners:
Yael and Yossef Rivlin
Uri and Aliza Savir
and their families

Shiva will take place at 10 Metudela St., Jerusalem.

On the *shloshim* of the passing of our beloved

CAROLA BAUER ע"ה

we will hold an unveiling of the tombstone at the Holon Cemetery on Tuesday, September 5, 1995 (10 Elul 5755) at 3 p.m.

We will meet at the old gate.

The Family

With great sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved husband, brother, father and grandfather

ARON KATZ
Johannesburg - Ra'anana

The funeral will take place tomorrow, Monday, September 4, 1995 (Elul 9, 5755) at 11 a.m., at the new Ra'anana (Kfar Nahum) Cemetery.
Meeting at the cemetery gate.

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Allen and Diana Katz
His sister, Rachel Ya'acov Ben-Hayam (Timurim)

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on September 1, 1995.

Mr. Arafat, don't touch Jerusalem, you will burn your hands! Ulrich Hartmann



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France tows Greenpeace protest ships

News agencies

MURUROA ATOLL

ANGRY protesters from Melbourne to Paris marked the final hours of September 1, the date from which France says it could resume testing nuclear weapons in the South Pacific.

Demonstrators marched through cities, staked out airports, invaded embassies and fell to the street in mock agony as red flares burned to symbolize death by radiation. Police stopped most protests.

The biggest protest was in Melbourne, when 3,000 people marched through the streets and fell to the ground in a "die-in," symbolizing radiation poisoning.

France began towing Greenpeace's two largest protest ships and their crews towards the Pacific atoll of Hao yesterday after commandos seized the vessels and scuttled their anti-nuclear mission.

In Paris, more than 600 protesters hoping to deliver 3.3 million signatures denouncing the tests tried to form a human chain stretching from the river Seine to the presidential palace. Riot police, stationed daily in the posh shopping district near the palace, pushed them back. Paris police headquarters said 300 people were arrested.

The commandos stormed aboard the environmental group's Rainbow Warrior II and MV Greenpeace from helicopters and inflatable dinghies just before dawn after Greenpeace activists raided Mururoa atoll, France's main nuclear test site.

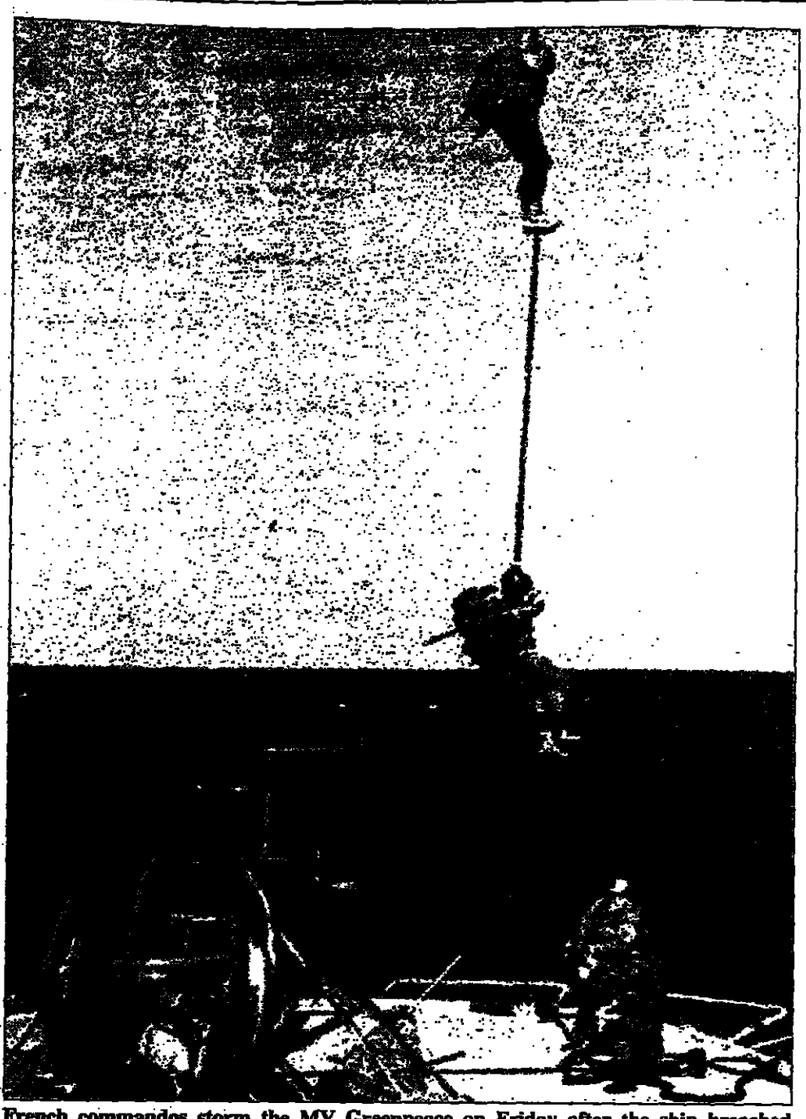
The operation dented Greenpeace's campaign to prevent France resuming nuclear tests in the South Pacific.

"It certainly does impair us from other action," Thomas Schultz, Greenpeace's campaign coordinator for international disarmament, said in Papeete, capital of French Polynesia.

Anti-nuclear protesters isolated Papeete late on Friday, erecting roadblocks at both ends of the city and creating huge traffic jams.

Naval officials on Mururoa said the Greenpeace ships were being towed to Hao, 600 km north of Mururoa.

Ironically, Hao is where two French secret agents were sentenced to serve time after being found guilty of being involved in the bombing of the original Rainbow Warrior.



French commandos storm the MV Greenpeace on Friday after the ship breached the 12-mile zone outside Mururoa in the South Pacific. (Reuter)

French agents sank the Rainbow Warrior in Auckland harbor in 1985, killing a photographer on board, before the ship could head for Mururoa.

It was not clear how long France would hold the Greenpeace vessels or what charges will be laid against the 59 activists being held.

"All those who were on the boat are supposed to be charged at the end of this, except journalists," said a naval officer.

French Polynesia's High Commissioner Paul Ronciere said the activists could be charged with trespassing in French territorial waters and on a military base and with failure to pay custom taxes for flying a helicopter in French Polynesia.

NATO, UN debate air strike resumption

SRECKO LATAL

SARAJEVO

NATO and the United Nations debated whether to resume air strikes yesterday after rebel Serbs set conditions for pulling back their heavy weapons around Sarajevo.

Those conditions threatened to disrupt diplomatic efforts, as Bosnian Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic warned he might not send a delegation to a foreign ministers' meeting this week if the Serbs don't comply with UN demands.

Silajdzic said heavy weapons withdrawal should not be conditional, and charged the Serbs had taken advantage of the air strike pause to resume shelling Sarajevo yesterday. He said six people were wounded.

"Air strikes should be the first answer if they don't withdraw," Silajdzic said.

UN commander Lt. Gen. Bernard Janvier met in Zagreb with Adm. Leighton Smith, the alliance commander of the NATO operation, to discuss Janvier's talks with the Bosnian Serb commander. High on the agenda was whether to resume air strikes.

But Janvier and Smith reached no final decision at their meeting.

A NATO council session yesterday was reviewing the Janvier-Mladic meeting to guide NATO military commanders in their talks with the UN, officials said.

US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke, who arranged the pending peace talks, also was to meet NATO officials in Brussels yesterday.

Friday's pause in the air strike campaign that began Wednesday was intended to give UN negotiators time to convince the Bosnian Serbs to withdraw their heavy weapons from around Sarajevo.

Janvier had presented Bosnian Serb commander Gen. Ratko Mladic with demands that Serbs open the Sarajevo airport and aid routes into the besieged Bosnian government capital before NATO permanently halts its air campaign. The UN also sought to eliminate Serb threats to three other UN "safe areas" and to stop the fighting throughout Bosnia, a Western diplomat said.

But Mladic set conditions of his own during 13 hours of talks with Janvier that broke up at 4 a.m. yesterday.

Mladic said he could only agree to respect the "safe areas" if the Bosnian government ceased all attacks from within them. He also demanded that NATO stop flying over Bosnia.

The air strikes against Serb communications facilities, ammunition depots and weapons have reduced the Serbs' military advantage, and Mladic fears that if he removes his weapons from around Sarajevo, his troops around the city will be attacked by government forces.

But the source said it appeared Mladic's willingness to respect the "safe areas," despite those conditions could be sufficient to suspend the air operation.

"It does look very much like we're moving toward a suspension of the entire NATO air operation. The assurances given by Mladic, it appears were deemed enough," the source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Silajdzic said he supported Holbrooke's peace initiative, but if the international community's objectives are not met, "I don't believe we should continue the peace process. We cannot negotiate at gunpoint."

The Serbs "understand the situation has changed dramatically, but they can't accept it yet psychologically," an aide to Janvier said.

UN spokesman Lt. Col. Chris Vernon said the purpose of the air strikes was to "sap their (Serb) will and resolve, which is clearly what happened with Gen. Mladic coming to negotiate."

Bosnia, Croatia and Serb-led Yugoslavia, have agreed to meet for preliminary peace talks in Geneva. If Bosnia refused, it would set back the peace process on the brink of a breakthrough.

Holbrooke said he hoped the meeting would "change the momentum of war into a momentum of peace."

Holbrooke announced the talks after intensive negotiations with Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic and consultations with Croatian and Bosnian officials.

Holbrooke called the progress "very limited steps" and cautioned: "Peace is still far away."

Yesterday he went to Bonn for talks with officials from Germany, France, Britain and Russia, which also seek a peaceful solution to the war. His next stop was NATO headquarters in Brussels.

Meanwhile, NATO officials have made it clear the air strikes could resume at any time.

While NATO suspended bombing runs, the UN rapid reaction force continued to target Serb weapons around Sarajevo with its heavy artillery, including an air defense system and a rocket site.

"The destruction was exceptionally large – of houses, postal relays, radio and TV transmitters electric power and other facilities" in Bosnia, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported. (AP)

Simpson defense shaken by limitation of Fuhrman tapes

LOS ANGELES (AP) – OJ Simpson's shaken lawyers changed strategies, attacking the judge's limitation of the Mark Fuhrman tapes as "incoherent" and springing new witnesses to depict him as a racist liar.

Attorneys Johnnie Cochran Jr. and F. Lee Bailey introduced the latest defense weapon – witness accounts of the former detective's use of racial epithets and possible involvement with Nazi symbols – during a contentious hearing Friday held while jurors were again left waiting.

Tactical changes were being made even as attorneys spoke during the hearing. Cochran confided, "we stand before you having had very little sleep."

The ruling by Judge Lance Ito cut to the bone the defense proposal to play scratchy tape recordings on which jurors would hear Fuhrman spewing racism and advocating police brutality.

Such a man, the defense argues, was capable of planting a bloody glove to frame Simpson, and Simpson's attorneys wanted jurors to hear Fuhrman's words.

They also wanted to use the tapes, made during 16 hours of interviews with an aspiring screenwriter from 1985 to 1994, to show jurors that Fuhrman lied when he testified that he hadn't used the word "nigger" in the past decade.

Cochran said the defense was preparing a motion for reconsideration of the ruling, but had turned its attention to new witnesses.

Vietnam celebrates 50 years of independence

HANOI (AP) – Communist leaders invoked the ghosts of patriarch Ho Chi Minh and a 1,000-year succession of heroes yesterday to affirm the legitimacy of their rule 50 years after Vietnam's declaration of independence.

The party's leadership in war and peace "attested to the correctness of the path that our people is now following, and to the bright prospects in the future of our country," said President Le Duc Anh in the day's only speech.

Vietnam's communists wrapped themselves in Ho's mantle to justify their continued monopoly on power in a society undergoing rapid change. The current leaders know economic progress and free market reform are necessary, but they also agree on the need to squelch opposition.

Portraits of Ho smiled from thousands of placards and dozens of floats in the National Day parade at Ba Dinh Square in central Hanoi, where Ho declared independence from colonial France on Sept. 2, 1945.

Anh, speaking outside Ho's granite mausoleum, remembered him as "a great and boundlessly beloved leader of our people."

The last line of floats appealed to Vietnamese nationalism, vividly depicting leaders of the eternal struggle against China – among them the Trung sisters on elephants and Ngo Quyen, who lured a Chinese fleet to destruction on stakes in the Bach Dang River in 938 CE.

Survey says Queen is Britain's richest person, palace says no

LONDON (Reuter) – Queen Elizabeth's fortune is worth at least £2.2 billion pounds making her Britain's richest person, a survey said yesterday.

But Buckingham Palace immediately dismissed the report as "ridiculous" and "wrong".

Business Age magazine put the Queen top of its annual list of Britain's richest 500 people.

The magazine put supermarket magnate David Sainsbury in second place on £1.6b. followed by property and entertainment billionaire Paul Raymond with £1.55b., last year's number one.

Last year the magazine estimated the Queen's personal investments at £158 million but it said it had re-evaluated what the monarch actually owns, based on strict legal definitions, resulting in this year's much larger total.

"Despite pleas of poverty from the Palace, the Queen actually owns title to all the royal residences and a substantial part of the Royal art collection," it said.

But a palace spokeswoman said: "What they are saying is ridiculous. Unlike other people in this list, the Queen cannot sell most of what they say she owns."

Most of what the queen owned was part of the nation's heritage and could not be sold for her benefit, she said. "The Queen can no more sell Buckingham Palace, for instance, than President Clinton can sell the White House."

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame opens its doors to the public

CLEVELAND (AP) – A crowd cheered yesterday as the gleaming Rock and Roll Hall of Fame opened its doors to the public, after nearly a decade of jabs from naysayers.

The $92 million glass-and-chrome pyramid on the shores of Lake Erie is a shrine to America's most well-known musical genre. It features interactive displays, theaters and lots of memorabilia – including Madonna's cone-breasted "Blonde Ambition" outfit, Jimi Hendrix's handwritten lyrics to "Purple Haze," the huge white wall from Pink Floyd's "The Wall" tour, and John Lennon's Rickenbacker guitar.

Some of rock music's royalty – including Little Richard, Yoko Ono and Martha Reeves – helped cut the ribbon in a ceremony that opened with a recording of Hendrix's acid-tinged version of the "Star Spangled Banner."

Rolling Stone magazine publisher Jann Wenner said, "I'm here today because rock 'n' roll changed my life."

Bruce Springsteen, Chuck Berry, Johnny Cash, The Kinks and Melissa Etheridge were playing at sold-out benefit concert in nearby Cleveland Stadium last night.

Why Cleveland?

It was local disc jockey Alan Freed who coined the phrase "rock 'n' roll," and the "Moondog Coronation Ball" Freed promoted in Cleveland in 1952 is widely recognized as the first rock concert. The show, featuring the Dominoes, attracted more than 20,000 people to the 9,700-seat Cleveland Arena in 1952.

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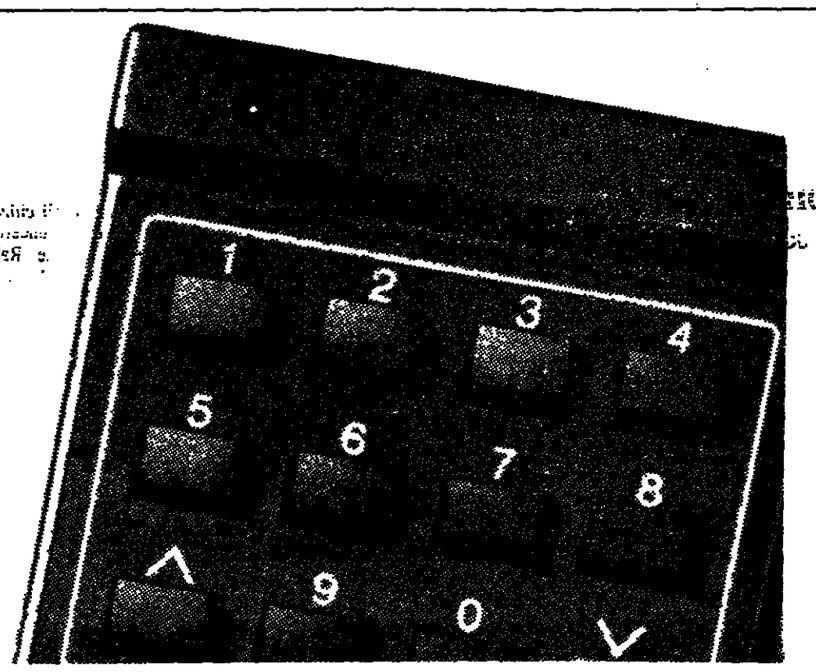
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Poverty debate heads list of issues

FOLLOWING are some key issues – and anticipated disputes – at the Fourth World Conference on Women beginning in Beijing tomorrow:

A 150-page draft document aims at removing obstacles to women's participation in private and public life: providing a full and equal share in economic, social cultural and political decision-making: sharing power and responsibility with men in the home, the workplace and the community; and reaffirming that human rights of women and girls are in integral part of universal human rights.

1. POVERTY – Agreed is that over one billion people live in poverty, the great majority of whom are women. Governments should target public spending to promote equal access to resources. International lending institutions should include credit for women in their programs and gauge the impact of their structural adjustment programs.

The debate pits the industrial north against developing countries in the south. In dispute are how any resources should be increased to help women in developing countries. Few new funds are forthcoming from the north. Also controversial is wording on arms expenditures instead of social programs.

2. EDUCATION – Governments should ensure universal access to primary education by the year 2025, eliminate disparities in access to higher education, eliminate female illiteracy by the year 2000, develop textbooks free of gender stereotypes.

Contested are references to sex education, equal higher education and calls for educational materials that promote equality for girls.

3. HEALTH – Asserts women's rights to basic and quality health care, access to information and the need for special attention and investment in areas of critical concern to women.

In dispute are references to contraceptives, access to reproductive health information for adolescents and rights of individuals, couples to decide the number and spacing of their children. All references to abortion are contested. The document says abortion should not be promoted as a family planning method but that governments should deal with the health impact of unsafe abortions and reconsider laws that punish women who have an illegal abortion.

4. VIOLENCE AND WAR – Agreed is that women and girls are subjected to physical, sexual and psychological abuse, and violence cuts across class and culture. Perpetrators should be investigated and punished, including government agents; forced sterilization, forced abortions, is opposed.

Unresolved is wording on how to declare rape in armed conflicts a war crime and a crime against humanity; resources to heal victims of forced prostitution.

5. POLITICS, ECONOMICS – Agreed is that women are absent from or poorly represented in political or economic decision-making bodies; promotes equal pay for equal work and laws against discrimination based on sex. In dispute are equal rights for land, property ownership and inheritance; strategies to eliminate child labor; parental leave and equal benefits to women and men.

6. HUMAN RIGHTS – Agreed is that although equal rights are affirmed in many international documents, they exist in name only. Many of the key points of past human rights instruments are reaffirmed. In dispute is the language on religious and cultural practices or whether human rights apply everywhere and to everyone. Also contentious are proposals that "equity" be substituted for "equality" on some provisions, particularly on property, inheritance and employment opportunities. (Reuter)

Participants are all 'wired' up

JEFFREY PARKER
HUAIROU, China

IN today's wired world, even a trainload of women rolling across Siberia toward China's world women's conference are just an e-mail message away.

"This is the first e-mail message from the Beijing Express!" the group said in a missive beamed to the global Internet from a rooftop satellite dish on a Trans-Siberian Railway car.

"We are sending this message from Minsk, capital of Belarus. ...This is basically a test message to ensure our communications are working properly," they said. "Send all e-mail to the women on the Beijing Express to bexpressundp.org."

Another electronic postcard popped up a few days later as the train rolled through eastern Siberia, thanking people worldwide for a flood of e-mail replies.

Having arrived in Beijing, the travelers and other participants in the UN World Conference on Women and a parallel forum of grassroots groups – up to 50,000 in all – are finding themselves fully plugged-in to the world.

The Internet is everywhere at the meeting sites in Beijing and its Huairou suburb, with banks of hundreds of Apple and Hewlett-Packard computers hard-wired to the global network.

The backbone is two high-speed data lines managed by ChinaNet, a fledgling commercial Internet provider started by China's telecommunications ministry just two months ago.

Participants can browse through schedules and speeches, exchange e-mail inside the conference or around the world and create documents in English, Chinese, Japanese, Italian, French, Spanish, Hebrew, Arabic and two dozen other languages.

In effect, the technology is enabling organizers to create a simultaneous "virtual" women's conference in cyberspace, with speeches and documents appearing on the Internet in minutes – giving Beijing '95 far broader reach and more immediacy than any global gathering in history.

"I'd absolutely call this technologically the best conference that I've been to – and I've been to many, most of them about technology," said executive Beverly Valdez of Apple Computer, which spent more than $1 million on the project.

"It is providing Internet access ubiquitously throughout the conference, which is something very unusual," she said.

"The press has complete Internet access. The attendees have complete Internet access. The organizers have even been organizing it through the Internet."

For participants, especially those at the Non-Governmental Organizations Forum in Huairou an hour from the capital, the rollicking, uncensored Internet will be an information lifeline, crackling with hot issues, debates and controversies unlikely to be reported in the state-run China Daily or daily newsletters.

The Association for Progressive Communications, which runs many social-issues networks on the Internet from San Francisco, has been the main force putting UN conferences on-line since 1992. The UN-sponsored women's conference is no exception.

"This is, logistically, the most sophisticated operation we've ever done," APC program coordinator Sally Burch said at the Huairou Internet center.

"What we are focusing on mainly is getting information out to people who aren't here. Anyone on the Internet anywhere in the world can just log in and see what's happening. There will be on-line interactivity in real time during the conference."

Burch, who fosters computer networks in Central America from her home in Ecuador, sees the Internet as a "women's issue" because of its potential for political empowerment.

Some 40 APC women have come to Beijing to promote its Women's Networking Support Program, which aims to make the Internet the backbone of a permanent global forum where women can exchange ideas and share networking expertise.

The World Conference on Women and the NGO Forum are tangible fruits of APC's networking philosophy.

"Never before has networking has been used to this great extent," said Valdez.

"All preliminary work was all done through Internet conferencing over APC's networks. Rather than having to fly around the world in planes, UN organizers were able to have on-line virtual meetings on the Internet."

At the last world women's conference in Nairobi in 1985, organizers and delegates relied on typewriters set up in a school classroom or under the trees, said Supatra Masdit, convener of the 1995 NGO Forum.

"We had two computers but the power supply broke down," she said. (Reuter)

Hillary carves role for US, herself

HONOLULU (Reuter) – Despite the misgivings of aides and complaints from critics, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's decision to attend the UN conference in China ensures a strong role for the US and herself in the debate on women's issues.

Mrs. Clinton, in Hawaii with President Bill Clinton to participate in ceremonies marking the end of World War II, departs today for Beijing.

Officially, she will be the "honorary" head of the US delegation – but in reality all the other members of the high-powered contingent defer to her.

"This is something she really wanted to do, something she felt really strongly about," said one adviser to Mrs. Clinton in discussing the trip. "This is her."

Mrs. Clinton wants "the United States to be a leader on the issues before the conference," said a White House official, who noted that even the Chinese were concerned that the world's largest gathering of women would be diminished if she did not attend.

Just weeks ago, when the arrest of Chinese-American human rights activist Harry Wu further aggravated already plummeting relations between Washington and Beijing, most White House officials were saying she was unlikely to attend the conference – everyone but Mrs. Clinton, that is.

"Everyone was saying 'No, don't go'," said one senior administration official, acknowledging that domestic political concerns weighed heavily in the thinking heading into a tough re-election campaign next year.

Although officials in Washington and Beijing insist there was no connection between the expulsion of Wu and Mrs. Clinton's participation in the conference, only skilled diplomats could overlook the obvious connection.

The day after Wu was released, the White House said Mrs. Clinton would attend the conference – an announcement that reflected not only the first lady's interests, but her own influence in her husband's administration.

A highly successful attorney in Arkansas before her husband was elected president, Mrs. Clinton has not followed the traditional ceremonial role adhered to by most presidential spouses – and has been caught in controversy because of it.



Ten gagged Tibetan women protest against Chinese rule over their homeland at the NGO forum in Huairou on Friday. (AP)

Women threaten conference walkout

News agencies
HUAIROU, China

A VEILED boycott threat hung over the world's largest gathering of women yesterday after organizers gave China 24 hours to stop harassing delegates.

Officials of the NGO forum said a walkout was unlikely, believing that most delegates, having traveled so far to attend the first such gathering in a decade, would be reluctant to leave prematurely.

But the implicit threat that emerged at a news conference reflected the strained relations between the organizing committee and the host country.

The friction dates back to March, when China abruptly switched signals and forced the NGO forum, a gathering of more than 20,000 women from non-governmental organizations, to meet in Huairou, an hour's drive from Beijing, where the UN's Fourth World Conference on Women starts tomorrow.

The showdown came yesterday at a meeting in which organizers complained and the Chinese promised to halt their intrusive practices and improve services.

Senior organizer Irene Santiago said that if things hadn't improved by noon today, "appropriate action" would be taken.

A senior US official also warned yesterday that heavy-handed Chinese security threatened the conference, and complained that he himself was being watched.

Timothy Wirth, Undersecretary of State for Global Affairs and a senior member of the US delegation, called on UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali to take action to stop intrusive surveillance and restrictions on freedom of speech.

"The United Nations... has to demonstrate here that they can be firm and pull this off," Wirth said.

When the deadline expires, said conference committee member Salamo Fulivai, women delegates would be asked: "Say what do you want. Do you want to cancel? Do you want to boycott? Do you want to riot?".

"I cannot decide that from here," said Fulivai, Director Pacific of the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA).

"We will go back to our constituencies to discuss appropriate action," said Irene Santiago, the forum's Filipino Executive Director, after meeting Chinese officials earlier in the day to press the women's complaints.

Controversy has surrounded the NGO forum since April when Chinese authorities panicked at the idea of radical feminists, including lesbians and human rights activists, roaming free in central Beijing and shifted the site to Huairou.

Their refusal to issue visas to scores of Tibetan women exiles fueled more bitterness.

Once at the conference site, now a muddy swamp as a result of summer downpours, delegates found themselves surrounded by a large number of plainclothes security agents carrying video cameras and walkie-talkies.

Human rights activists and journalists were shadowed most closely. Beijing banned anti-Chinese demonstrations and said other kinds of protests must be held in approved areas.

The Earth Times, a UN-endorsed newspaper that provides daily coverage of UN meetings, is still waiting for approval to publish its first edition featuring a column by US First Lady Hillary Clinton.

Chen Muhua, president of the All-China Women's Federation, the official Chinese hosts of the UN conference, defended the need for security at one of the largest meetings ever organized by the world body.

"To guarantee the smooth running of the conference and the NGO forum, we have taken the necessary security and protection measures," she told a news conference. "If there were no proper measures, there would be confusion and lack of order and the meeting could not be held."

"If people feel something is not convenient, and have a specific demand, we can discuss how to improve the situation."

Wirth said the issue of security would now become a major focus at the UN conference.

"We are going to be in a situation where the United Nations is going to have to step up and be very, very firm with the host country and with the commitments that they have," he said.

Meanwhile, an American attending the conference was killed in a traffic accident and a fellow American was injured, the US Embassy said yesterday.

Gerard Skladal, from the New York area, died when the taxi he was traveling in was involved in an accident during heavy rain Friday, an embassy spokesman said, speaking on condition he was not identified.

The US Embassy said two other Americans in the taxi were not injured. Xinhua, the official Chinese news agency, said they were slightly injured and identified one of them as Skladal's wife.

According to Xinhua, the taxi driver was speeding, lost control, crossed the median divider and hit a tree.

Skladal, sitting in the back seat, was rushed to the Sino-Japanese Friendship Hospital but failed to respond to treatment and died, Xinhua said.

The injured woman, whom Xinhua identified only as Ms. Anoff, remained in the hospital yesterday but the agency said her life was not in danger. The US Embassy did not release her name.

The four Americans were heading from Beijing to Huairou to attend the NGO Forum. The government's sudden decision to move the meeting from Beijing to Huairou, required the hour-long journey by road.

Newspapers run into problems

BEIJING (Reuter) – The publisher of *The Earth Times*, a fixture of UN conferences all over the world, threatened yesterday to pull his staff out of China if it did not get permission to print within 24 hours.

"This is not just a question of freedom of speech, but the basic ability to report on an international conference that is the property of the whole world," publisher and editor Pranay Gupte said.

The Earth Times is an independent newspaper that gives a blow-by-blow account of UN meetings.

It is one of several newspapers linked to the NGO and UN conferences that have run into trouble with China's nervous propaganda czars.

China's propaganda authorities maintain a vice-like grip on all media, censoring newspapers, television and radio. They are particularly nervous of foreign reporters.

The conference marks the first time China's communist rulers have had to face allowing foreign-edited, uncensored newspapers to be published within their borders.

Gupte said he would wait until today for permission to print what is the voice of record for participants.

UN conference spokeswoman Therese Gastaut, asked about China's bid to muzzle foreign media, said it supported the independent daily newspapers.

"We are in contact with our counterparts in the Chinese government, but I cannot tell you at this point what is the result of these contacts," she said.

Anita Anand, head of the Delhi-based Women's Feature Service, said her group planned to put out a daily to accompany the official UN conference, but was still awaiting for permission for her *Beijing Watch* newspaper.

A French newspaper, *Vivre Autrement*, had also failed so far to win permission to use Chinese printers to produce their daily tabloid-form publication, NGO sources said.

Vivre Autrement has produced just three editions, by photocopy, this week, with a maximum output of 1,000, a quarter of its normal print-run, they said.

Forum '95, official newspaper of the NGO forum and coming off the presses of the printing house of the *People's Daily*, mouthpiece of the Communist Party, failed to appear on Friday.

It ran into problems when it carried a page called *Terra Viva*, supplied by IPS, or International Press Service, which did not have a license from the Chinese.

Forum '95 was revived yesterday, but only after agreeing to publish *Terra Viva* material not under separate title and as a part of the newspaper.



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Computer talk hits mainstream television

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

WHEN one of the hosts of Educational Television's popular show on computers was touring Aqaba and Petra recently, Jordanian youngsters identified him and confidently asked: "Aren't you from *Zombit*?" The show, which has aired twice weekly (one show for youth and the other for adults) for two years, has an enthusiastic audience on both sides of the Jordan River.

Lea Leiba, the show's editor, says that one of the difficulties with which she must cope is the fact that a substantial part of the audience know more about the subject than she does. Leiba, who initiated the program as a summer show to keep kids occupied with computer and TV games, is a veteran producer at Educational TV who, until two years ago, used a PC only as a glorified typewriter. Now, she says, "I have discovered this wonderful world. The computer is really a great tool with fantastic potential."

The original show was so popular that Leiba decided to expand the concept to deal specifically with computer software and hardware. The show for youth appears on Sunday nights at 7 p.m. on cable TV's Channel 23 (ETV2), and at 7:30 p.m. for adults (called *More Zombit*). The latter is rebroadcast Fridays at 1 p.m. on Educational TV's (non-cable) Channel 1. The two are the only programs broadcast here that are dedicated solely to computers.

Zombit was the first local TV program to devote itself to Microsoft Windows 95. The special program, broadcast on cable on August 27 and rebroadcast on Channel 1 on September 1, contrasted the highly touted new operating system with IBM's OS/2 and that of Macintosh. It also showed the preview disk of the Hebrew version of Windows 95, which is due to come out here in January.

MOSTLY A studio show, *Zombit* does, however, go out into the field to see how computers are applied. "We visited the Israel Electric Corporation, for example, to film a story on their computerization." While most of *Zombit*'s viewers apparently have a PC of their own, Leiba says she's certain that some in the audience don't have access to a computer, but are nevertheless curious about how they work and affect our lives.

It took some effort and experience before the *Zombit* team was able to successfully meld the world of TV with the world of computing. "Both are electronic, but they are really very different."

Computer software and hardware companies naturally try to pressure Leiba into presenting their wares to *Zombit*'s audience, who are a reservoir of potential customers for years to come. But Leiba and her team always check them out before presenting them, as some products are overpriced and overblown. "I think sometimes that prices of software are too high. One wonders how families are able to spend hundreds of shekels on a single computer program," she notes. Leiba believes that software libraries that allow low-cost loans of programs should become widespread, so that the opportunity gap between high- and low-income families is reduced.

Zombit is careful to exclude pornographic and really violent software from its presentations. But Leiba is not disturbed by the ordinary electronic "killing" common to most computer games. "I think these things are more cathartic than stimulants of violence," she says.

Since Educational TV is part of the Education Ministry, the program consults with educators about its content and message. "I'd prefer a better time slot on Israel TV's Channel 1, such as 7:30 p.m. before the news," says Leiba, who is aware that a little less than half of the population does not have access to cable TV.

The ministry has devoted efforts to transmitting computer skills to teachers in the school system, and it must do even more, says Leiba. Some educators still fear the computer, partly because they think their pupils may know more than they do about it. "But the computer cannot replace the teacher, only make it easier to teach and give individualized lessons, so they needn't be fearful if they learn to be comfortable with computers. Why, some teachers years ago claimed that TV would ruin schools."

However, she admits that computers are a factor in desocialization. When every member of the family is in a separate room watching his own TV or working on his own PC, togetherness is reduced. The computer can nevertheless be used to bridge generation gaps. "I had an elderly couple, in their 80s, on the show with their grandchild. All of them were happy computer users."

Zombit, eager to receive feedback from its viewers, has established four different electronic mail addresses. It is listed on two electronic bulletin board services (5733822 and 6889566); TVTel site 60501, and, on the Internet, Zombit@elronet.co.il.



While mostly a studio show, 'Zombit' goes into the field to see how computers are applied.

IVF becomes routine, but is extremely costly

HEALTH SCAN

POST HEALTH REPORTER

THE average cost of producing a healthy "take-home" baby by in-vitro fertilization in Israel is $19,267, while a single IVF hormonal cycle – each of which is successful only 15 percent of the time – costs $2,560.

These statistics were disclosed in a cost analysis of IVF conducted by administrators and gynecologists at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem.

According to the analysis, published in the latest issue of the *Israel Journal of Medical Sciences* and written by Drs. Zvi Stern, Neri Laufer, Rami Levy, Daniella Ben-Shushan and Shlomo Mor-Yosef, the cost of IVF treatment varies greatly from country to country.

It ranges from $500 per cycle in a public facility in Britain to $10,000 per cycle in a private hospital in the US.

Since the health funds' new basket of health services provides free IVF to all women – married or single – whose doctors recommend it, the cost is an important factor.

IVF, once considered experimental, is now routinely performed on women with a variety of infertility problems, including tubal and immunological disorders, endometriosis and unexplained factors.

The Hadassah researchers took into account not only direct fixed costs, such as labor, equipment, maintenance, depreciation and overheads, but also variable costs, such as lab tests, chemicals, disposable supplies, medications and the couples' loss of working days.

In addition, the indirect costs include the money spent on premature IVF babies, hospitalization of high-risk pregnant women before delivery, and dealing with complications.

They did not take into account the price of long-term care for premature babies born with cognitive, sensory or motor impairment.

From a strictly economic point of view, due to high fixed costs, it is much more efficient to have only a few hospitals running large IVF units than a large number running smaller units. However, because no medical school or university-affiliated hospital is willing to operate without units to teach IVF procedures, and because of the prestige involved, there are nearly two dozen IVF units around the country – the highest per-capita rate in the world.

The authors note that "no country has yet developed a rational plan for managing infertility or an adequate system of quality assurance."

One reason for this, they suggest, is "the reluctance of public officials to confront the volatile issues of women's rights, religion and sexuality in the public debate."

To ensure the highest quality of IVF procedures, the authors suggest registries of treatment results to evaluate the new reproductive technologies and set standards for care.

MOTHER'S MILK VS. CANCER CELLS

A component in human milk may fight cancer, but so far the effects have been tested only in the test tube, and not even in live-animal studies. Called monomeric a-lactalbumin (MAL), the substance caused cancer cells to die.

Researchers at Sweden's Lund University and Karolinska Institute were studying the effects of human milk on bacteria associated with lung cancer.

Not only did it kill the bacteria, but it also killed the lung-cancer cells, according to a report published by the US National Academy of Sciences. The active agent was narrowed down to MAL, which was found to trigger apoptosis (cell suicide) of the cancer cells but not of normal cells.

The milk compound also induced apoptosis in experimental cell lines of kidney, bladder and intestinal cancer. The Swedish researchers said they will continue their work to see if it leads to processes causing tumor cells to kill themselves.

EBOLA REVISITED

The Ebola epidemic, which last spring raised the specter of "another AIDS," killed 232 people in Zaire. This is the final death toll of Ebola hemorrhagic fever, according to African health officials.

The outbreak's first victim was a 42-year-old farmer and charcoal-maker who lived outside the city of Kikwit. He died on January 13, seven days after he fell ill with Ebola fever. By early March, 12 members of his family had died, including his wife and two of his six children.

Now that the epidemic is over, scientists from the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have gone to Zaire to find out where the deadly virus hides between human outbreaks.

Humans aren't the natural reservoir for the virus, because it kills people too easily and quickly for them to serve as carriers. Epidemiologists believe the organism is carried by animals, from which it occasionally emerges to infect humans.

They are certain that birds and reptiles are not responsible, but they do suspect small mammals, even though Ebola infection doesn't kill them. In order to study this, they set hundreds of traps and caught some 2,200 animals. Rodents, shrews, toads, lizards and snakes accounted for almost all the catch.

Wearing protective gear, the scientists gassed the animals and dissected them in the field to take tissue samples, which were sent back to the CDC in Atlanta. Fluid from these animals is being injected into cell culture media to try to grow microbes.

The preserved carcasses went to Antwerp for species identification.

In addition, some 15,000 insects were collected and found to be virus free. So far, CDC officials are not optimistic that the work has more than a 50-50 chance of finding the answer.

TCP/IP software made simple: A practical guide

ON LINE

DANIEL BAUM

AS mentioned in previous columns, TCP/IP software, which allows you to connect directly to the Internet, is available on every operating system. This column looks at OS/2 and Windows 3.1.

In past columns, I have cast justifiable barbs at the OS/2 Internet Access Kit. The kit supplied with OS/2 is incomplete. Worse still, it does not work at all with the Hebrew version of OS/2. However, after about two months of trying, I finally got it to work, and this is how it's done: The first stage is to call the IBM bulletin board (03-6951874) and get the bug fix which allows the IAK to run on Hebrew OS/2. This installs automatically once the file is uncompressed.

Assuming you want to use PPP rather than SLIP – SLIP installations are not recommended for those who wish to keep their sanity, especially under OS/2 – the next step is to download an upgrade for the OS/2 TCP/IP which supports PPP. This is tricky, as you don't have Internet access yet. Anyway, you can get it by FTP from ftp-os2.nmsu.edu or ftp.cdrom.com.

The file is called PPP.EXE and is also a self-extracting ZIP archive. Surprisingly, it comes with no installation instructions, so I simply copied all the .EXE and .CMD files into the tcpip/bin directory. This worked, and the next time I ran the dialer, the new version came up, with PPP enabled. From there on, it is reasonably simple to edit one of the supplied response files to log on to your provider.

The IAK actually turned out to be quite good. The only exception was the the brain-dead E-mail program provided with the system. A shareware substitute called Pmmail can be downloaded from the aforementioned ftp-os2.nmsu.edu.

One remarkable feature of the OS/2 IAK is the "download software updates" program, which logs on to an IBM FTP site, downloads updated versions of the IAK software, and automatically installs them. I strongly recommend that you do this, as some of the updates fix serious bugs in the provided versions. You can also use this program to download the excellent IBM Web Explorer web browser, the only one I have seen which can hold a candle to Netscape. The IBM Archie client is also available for download this way.

Under Windows, you have two options as to where you get your TCP/IP software: you can buy a commercial package such as Chameleon or you can make your own by downloading shareware programs from the Internet.

For those who do not consider compiling their own software packages an adventure, and who simply want everything to work the first time, Chameleon is a good option. It has the extra bit of polish that you would expect from a commercial package costing over NIS 400.

For cheapskates and adventurers, the second option is rewarding, and the resulting software package is as good as any shareware system available on any other operating system.

To start with, you need a TCP/IP dialer program. There are a couple available in the shareware/public domain archives, the best known of which is Trumpet Winsock.

Winsock is an open standard for TCP/IP connections under Windows, and is adhered to by almost everybody who writes Internet software, therefore making sure that everything runs together. Trumpet Winsock does everything you would expect from such a program – it supports PPP, SLIP and direct network connections – although I could only test the first option, and it is remarkably easy to configure. It also has an option for manual interactive dialing, which is convenient for finding out exactly how your provider's server behaves while you are writing a log on script.

Having made your connection, you will need the usual Internet applications, the most important of which is a web browser.

Here you are in luck, because the best one of all, Netscape, is shareware and is available for download from numerous FTP sites.

For E-mail, one of the best-known public domain programs is Eudora, available both for the Macintosh and Windows. It is a capable program, though lacking some of the class of the Chameleon E-mail program. The program has facilities to retrieve mail from the remote server, and of course you can create new mail, reply to mail you receive, store mail in folders and all the usual features.

There are loads of client programs available for FTP, news and the other Internet activities. Having got this far, you are obviously the adventurous type, so I suggest you try them out and see which one suits you the best. A good news-reader program is called Winvn, while Cute FTP and ws-ftp are both good FTP clients.

The latter has the advantage that it will work in tandem with the ws-archie client. The former, though, has a unique feature – it will download the index file for each directory, and combine it with the directory listing, thereby giving you a built-in explanation of what each file is.

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'Cyberwar' may soon take over as the ultimate in strategy

NEW WORLDS

POST SCIENCE REPORTER

WAR is hell, but if predictions about conflicts in the early 21st century come true, it really might not be so bad.

Cyberwar may eventually make military cemeteries obsolete.

A recent cover story in *Time* magazine disclosed that the US Army is working on super-secret methods for confounding an enemy – by using computer viruses.

"The next time a tyrant out of some modern Babylon (Baghdad, Teheran or Tripoli, for example) threatens an American ally (Riyadh, Cairo, Jerusalem), the US doesn't immediately send legions of soldiers or fleets of warships.

Instead, Washington visits upon the offending tyranny a series of thoroughly modern plagues, born of mice, video screens and keyboards," *Time* suggested.

It would work like this. Computer viruses planted by the good guys in the bad guys' telephone switching stations would close down all phone service.

They can also be used to destroy the electronic routers that control rail lines and military convoys.

US planes then jam the enemy's TV broadcasts with propaganda messages to turn the populace against the dictator, whose hoard of money in Swiss bank accounts can be zapped, leaving him penniless.

According to the article, Pentagon officials think microbes can be bred to eat the electronics and insulating material inside computers like microorganisms consume trash.

MOM STILL WANTS A SON THE DOCTOR

The typical Jewish Israeli mother still wants her child to be a doctor, but the Jewish father is more likely to prefer having his child go into computer sciences. At least, that is the conclusion of a poll of a representative sample of 550 parents taken by the Geocartography survey organization.

Having a child study medicine was twice as popular among parents of Oriental origin than among parents of European/American origin, who preferred computer studies. In third place were accountancy, business administration and law.

Thicker bubbles are bouncier and more colorful

TELL ME WHY

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

MY children were playing with soap bubbles on our balcony. I noticed that most bubbles fell on the floor tiles and exploded immediately. But others bounced – even four times – before they exploded. Why? Also, why do some bubbles come out crystal-clear, while others are very colorful? Atara, Haifa.

Prof. Aharon Davidson, a physicist at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, replies:

Regarding your first question, there are a number of factors that determine whether a soap bubble bounces on the floor or explodes: the speed at which the bubble falls, the thickness of its surface, the amount of dust or dirt on the spot where it lands, etc.

As for the bubble's color, this depends on its thickness. A bubble with a thicker "skin" will show colors because there is more material to cause the refraction of light. A thinner "skin" will appear as clear.

A bubble's thickness depends on the amount of soapy water used to make the bubble, the force of the air and other factors.

I did some painting in our apartment, which I haven't done for some time. The next day, I was stiff and had muscle pains which lasted for three days. A week later, I did more painting and didn't have any pains at all. Why? Keren, Kiryat Shmona.

Dr. Yoni Yarom, head of sports medicine at the Wingate Institute for Physical Education in Netanya, answers:

When you paint, you stand for a long time in a nearly static position, but you move your arms a lot. The specific muscles you exerted are not used to being moved in such a way.

Anyone who suddenly carries out some kind of physical activity that he hasn't done for a long time can develop a condition called delayed muscle soreness.

It appears about 24 hours after the initial exertion and continues for one to three days. Delayed muscle soreness is common among sportsmen who haven't practiced for an extended period.



Whether a bubble bounces or explodes depends on how fast it hits a surface. (K.Bendan)

The stiffness and pain are due to microscopic tears in the muscle fibers and their repair by the body.

The second time you painted, the muscles used for this type of work had become stronger and were not susceptible to microscopic tears, so you had no pain.

It is also possible that after your first, painful experience, you unconsciously learned to balance yourself better and maintained a better position.

When a fish dies in my aquarium, before I have a chance to remove the body some of the other fish attack it and eat the abdominal cavity, leaving the rest. Why do they do this? Robert, Kiryat Ono.

Dr. Danny Golani, a fish expert in the Hebrew University's department of evolution, systematics and ecology, responds:

Fish are not as dumb as one may think. They apparently know, by nature or by experience, that by tearing open the abdomen they can get to food residues and eat.

But there are different kinds of fish. Predators will eat the whole body.

Others are mostly vegetarian and would not be inclined to cannibalize the dead fish; but when predators do, they may sense the vegetable matter in the stomach and join in on the meal.

In captivity, they often eat different types of food from those that they prefer in the wild.

Predatory fish may attack living fish that are weaker than they are, so it's important not to put them in the same aquarium with docile fish.

Have you always wondered about the scientific explanation for ordinary phenomena? Now you can get an answer. Mail your question to TELL ME WHY, *c/o Jerusalem Post Science & Technology Reporter Judy Siegel-Itzkovich, The Jerusalem Post, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem, or fax it to (02) 389527. Please include your first name and place of residence. Calls will not be accepted.*

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Capitulation in Jerusalem

LAST week, Police Minister Moshe Shahal announced with great flourish that three of the seven major governmental offices run by the PA in Jerusalem had been presented with an ultimatum: Either close down or be shut down by the police.

The reason for the Israeli demand was obvious: The activities of all Palestinian offices in Jerusalem – which include seven PA ministries and 30 other public institutions connected with the PA – violate the Oslo and Cairo agreements. According to these agreements, all PA activity must be confined to Gaza and Jericho. The existence of these offices in Jerusalem is an infringement on Israeli sovereignty, and an illegal attempt to establish "facts on the ground" in Jerusalem before the final-status talks begin.

But these stipulations in the agreements Israel has signed with the PLO are contradicted by a commitment made by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. In a letter to the late Norwegian foreign minister Johan Jorgen Holst, Peres obligated Israel to allow Palestinian offices and institutions in Jerusalem to continue functioning. That this letter was kept secret until boastfully revealed by Arafat, and that Peres initially denied its existence to the Knesset seems to indicate that Peres knew it would be difficult to reconcile its contents with the Declaration of Principles.

Now these conflicting obligations are coming home to roost. In what can only be viewed as a capitulation, Shahal agreed on Thursday that the three offices (the Palestinian Health Council, Broadcasting Corporation and Statistics Center) may remain in Jerusalem provided they sign declarations "affirming they are not connected with the Palestinian Authority."

To treat such declarations more seriously than Arafat's solemn pledge of September 9, 1993 to abolish the Palestinian Covenant is to give gullibility a bad name. Obviously, these institutions have not the slightest intention to sever themselves from the PA. And while they may, to let Shahal save face, make some changes in bookkeeping procedures, they will continue to receive funding from the PA, directly or circuitously, and follow Yasser Arafat's instructions to the letter.

The attempt to close the three offices was clearly a test of wills. Had Shahal stood his ground, the other offices would have also been closed. Even Orient House itself – the PA's foreign ministry in the heart of Jerusalem – might have been transferred to Gaza. Now that Israel has retreated, the opposite will happen: The Palestinian offices will operate with even greater freedom, strengthened by a successful baptism by fire.

Parallel to Shahal's ignominious retreat, Justice Minister David Liba'i met with Jerusalem PLO official Faisal Husseini and lectured him on the need to obey Israeli law and terminate PA activities in Orient House. Husseini came out of the meeting confessing that such activities have indeed taken place at Orient House (something he used to deny with vehement indignation) but, he said, these have been stopped and only activities compatible with the Oslo and Cairo agreements now take place there.

As if to ensure that such promises are not taken too seriously, Husseini called for a general meeting of Palestinian leaders and PA functionaries at Orient House to discuss the future of Palestinian institutions and protest Israel's efforts to limit its activities. They called on Arab countries to aid the institutions and help protect them against what they called "harassment by Jewish settlers who have been campaigning for their closure." For good measure they also called for a boycott of the Jerusalem 3000 celebrations.

The government's dilemma is as real as it is unenviable. Having signed agreements on the one hand and a letter which contradicts them on the other, it cannot prevent Palestinian encroachment on Israel's sovereignty in Jerusalem. Both sides realize that the confrontation over these offices are but the first salvos in the battle for Jerusalem. And the opinion polls which show that 63 percent of the Arab residents of Jerusalem prefer war to having Israel continue to "occupy" the eastern part of the city must make them understand that the battle will be long and difficult.

Mayor Ehud Olmert, who said on Thursday "The government has taken one step forward and two steps back," would clearly like to shut down these institutions, for fear that otherwise Israel may lose the first round in the fight for sovereignty, but it is doubtful that he has the authority to do so. It is likely that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who has backed Olmert on this issue, would also want to eliminate these daily insults to Israel's rule in Jerusalem. But only a reckless gambler would venture a bet on the ability of the nation's prime minister and the capital's mayor to reverse the concessionary course the government has chosen to take.



A revolution overdue

YOSEF GOELL

A potentially momentous revolution in education took off a week ago. To foster Jewish education in the secular, state school system, the Ministry of Education announced that it would allocate budgets to a number of non-Orthodox and nonreligious organizations.

The organizations that will receive funding from the ministry include the Conservative and Reform movements; Tehilla – the movement for secular humanistic Judaism; Hemdat – the umbrella organization for religious and scientific freedom; the kibbutzim's center for the instruction of Jewish holidays; and the Antiquities Authority, for the integration of archeological studies into the general curriculum.

The ministry's funding of these organizations for the coming school year will amount to a total of about NIS 6 million, of which NIS 2m. will be for the final four months of 1995. Of the main beneficiaries, the Conservatives will get NIS 135,000 for this first period; the Reform NIS 110,000; Tehilla NIS 75,000; and Hemdat NIS 190,000.

The intention is to assess the performance of these organizations' programs during the first year, and to double, or triple, the budgets of those programs which prove especially effective in the next year.

These figures are a tiny fraction of total education budgets, but the inclusion of these groups in the ministry's budgets and curriculum planning constitutes a revolutionary departure from past policies.

The ministry was controlled by the National Religious Party's Zevulun Hammer for most of the 15 years of Likud coalition governments between 1977 and 1992.

The present program is being unveiled as Meretz Minister of Education Prof. Amnon Rubinstein enters his third year. It was obviously made possible politically by the final departure of the ultra-Orthodox Shas from the Rabin government coalition earlier this year.

The ministry's new departure is a hesitant first step toward the implementation of the Shenhar Commission report. Hammer appointed that body – headed by

Bravo to the education minister for addressing a major problem

former Haifa University professor and current ambassador to Russia, Aliza Shenhar – in 1991 to submit recommendations on what to do about the parlous state of Jewish education in the secular school system.

THE COMMISSION'S report, which was submitted after three years, found that the content of the existing Jewish studies curricula was largely irrelevant to the lives of the large majority of children from secular families.

In many cases the propagation of a barely veiled Orthodox approach to Jewish history and culture fostered antipathy toward Judaism among the schoolchildren.

One of Prof. Shenhar's conclusions – that Judaism was too precious to be abandoned to such an Orthodox monopoly – has since been echoed by Rubinstein.

There should be no more room for Orthodox rabbis to teach their narrowly parochial version of Jewish history and morals in the secular schools than there is for nonobservant teachers to address and teach in the state religious and the ultra-Orthodox school systems.

It is the height of hypocrisy to demand equal time in the secular schools for an Orthodoxy that excludes the slightest whiff of secular and humanistic modernity from its own schools.

However, in the absence of a broad consensus among the non-Orthodox as to what should be imparted to our children, we must guard against any attempt at Conservative or Reform proselytism. There should be no room for any religious practice in secular schools.

We Jews have one of the oldest national histories and cultures among the world's people. There is much about that history and culture of which we can be extremely proud; there are also some shameful aspects.

There is much that is irrelevant, but also much that can serve as a major source of inspiration in teaching our children how to lead better and more moral lives when they reach adulthood. That is what Jewish education should be all about.

The ministry and Prof. Rubinstein deserve widespread public support for this long overdue approach. The coming millennium is usually invoked at such a point to underline the tardiness of this open-minded approach to Jewish education.

Israel's forthcoming first Jubilee is a much more pertinent date.

The writer comments on public affairs.

Death stars

HARVEY EDINOFF

WITHIN the next few months Israel will launch its Amos 1 satellite.

Amos has seven transponders (the gadgets that receive signals from ground stations and beam them down to broadcasting centers) and will have two "footprints" (areas in which beamed-down signals can be received) – one covering the Middle East and the other Central Europe.

And already, in conjunction with Hungary, Amos 2 is under construction, adding a further eight transponders.

There was a time when 15 transponders could handle 30 TV channels, but today each transponder can handle more than 12 channels.

The spare capacity is enormous. Some of the transponders will be used by Bezeq and other companies, and Hungary will use two or three of the transponders for its own purposes.

The potential result is more than 150 additional TV channels on our screens.

And if we learn from what happened in the US and elsewhere, the greater part of these will be used for pay TV and pay-per-view TV.

When the Americans put up their satellites, their cable operators labeled them "death stars" because of the hundreds of extra channels that resulted. The door was opened for direct-to-home broadcasts.

In the UK, you put up your own home dish antenna, and receive, say, the Sky package of films, sports, news and other programs, for which you pay Sky a monthly subscription. No cable operator need be involved in the process.

NOW IT'S our turn.

Or is it?

Israel's cable and satellite laws are incredibly complex, and one ruling will surely become contentious in the next few months.

It's high time cable operators had some quality competition

As the law stands, it is illegal for a TV packages supplier to broadcast direct-to-home in any area serviced by a licensed cable operator.

And more than 1.2 million of Israel's 1.4 million homes fall within cable-serviced areas.

The supplier's package may only be received and distributed by the five licensed cable operators. This means that if you want one of the many packages which soon will technically become available, you will have to pay the new supplier in addition to your cable service.

Given that any number of suppliers, not only entertainment channels, will want to get in on the act, viewers' freedom of choice will be restricted by the willingness or ability of the operators to reach agreement with the suppliers.

And if we want direct-to-home only, why should we be forced to take the current cable package?

Shlomo Vax, director-general of the Ministry of Communications, says he has been successful in getting governmental approval of an examination of the operators' current licenses, with a view to changes leading to full competition. It's about time that the cable operators faced some qualitative competition.

Vax also wants to see the establishment of an independent supervisory body, as his ministry is unable to cope with the complex supervision of the communication industries. Cable commissioner Michal Rafaeli has to operate within a NIS 1.5m. annual budget, less than 4 percent of the levy paid by the operators to the Treasury each year.

Both Vax and Rafaeli are skeptical about the development of pay and pay-per-view screens in Israel. However, Israelis have demonstrated a hunger for good films and intelligent entertainment, and pressure will build for changes.

The time for pressure is now, before the deals are made. Anyone who wants to see change can write to Rafaeli or Vax at the Ministry of Communications, or to me at P.O. Box 99, Ma'aleh Adumim. I will publish statistical reviews and make sure the ministry gets them.

We must react. Our "death star" is just around the corner.

The writer is active in the film industry.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'EYE ON THE MEDIA'

Sir, – I have known the *Post* for more than 15 years and appreciate its scholarly news analyses, features and opinion pages. They usually meet a high standard of journalism. What I find more and more irritating if not counterproductive, is Mr. Bar-Illan's *Eye on the Media* column. I for one take no interest in his obstinate assessments of articles by other people in publications which the readers normally have no chance to read.

Recently, an article in *The National Geographic* on "Israel's Galilee," written by assistant editor Don Belt, was subject to criticism typical for this column. To give one easy-to-understand example: Don Belt and his five-year-old daughter sit on the shore of the Sea of Galilee and look at one of the apostle boats moving toward Capernaum. The child asks "Was Jesus Jewish?" The answer is not reported exactly, but the father writes "I did my best to explain." Why does Mr. Bar-Illan characterize it as "kind of confusion" that the father didn't simply say "yes"? What qualifies him to judge? Is it not sub-standard for the *Post* to elaborate on items as negligible as the dialogue between a child and her father? By the way, Mr. Bar-Illan's method of deliberately failing to describe the circumstances given for this particular question of the child is at least questionable.

DR. ANDREAS HOFMANN
Dieburg, Germany.

APPEASEMENT

Sir, – The latest terrorist bus bombing, like all the others, is not an act of "enemies of the peace" as our prime minister refers to them. Their intention is to bring the "peace," that is, a signed treaty of very little value, closer and not to stop the process. Essentially, they are trying to speed up our appeasement of the PLO with more and more land offerings in our vain hope to stop the terror sooner.

In this way, we follow in the footsteps of a "great" man, Sir Neville Chamberlain, who was certainly greater than Mr. Rabin. Chamberlain was prepared to appease the Nazi threats with land, but at least he was smart enough to give away someone else's land and not parts of his own country.

MATTHEW KATZ
Haifa.

WATER SHORTAGE

Sir, – Arriving in Israel, I was astonished to read about the water shortage in Hebron and then to hear it as a major news item on the BBC World Service.

When I left England, some local authorities were trying to deal with a similar situation whilst other parts of the UK were lush and green. The main reason at home appears to be the same as here: leaking pipes. Unfortunately, the world now has the impression that Israeli Jews have water and the Arabs in the "Occupied Territories" are being denied.

Common matters of this nature should be reported in the context of a worldwide problem of water shortages in the northern hemisphere at this time of the year and not as political/racist propaganda for use against the State of Israel.

JOE LEDERMAN
Efrat (London).

ASININE COMMERCIAL

Sir, – Is there any way we can stop TV Channel 1 from showing us its asinine commercial that purports to show how much we are getting from our annual fees to the Israel Broadcasting Authority? That commercial is an insult to our intelligence. The actual fact is that we pay less than others because we get a great deal less. One simply can't compare the IBA programming schedule with that of the BBC.

As for its argument that we get impartial coverage – five minutes of viewing Avner Levi on *Erev Hadash* or Haim Yavin on *Mabat* news are enough to convince anyone how partial that impartiality is.

RAPHAEL ROSENBAUM
Kiron.

ORIENT HOUSE

Sir, – Our government should stop fooling itself and trying to fool the public. Any visit to Orient House by a foreign dignitary is political. There is no such thing as a "courtesy call" to Orient House. The sooner it is closed down, the better. Allowing Orient House to continue to operate in its present form is proof the present government is too weak to implement any agreements arrived at with the Palestinians and the time has long since passed for its resignation.

JOHN S. COHEN
Ra'anana.

TRAUMATIZED CHILD

Sir, – The use of children is widespread, in that I would agree with Professor Bauer's article of August 13, but in time of need and danger, children can help and save lives. Children of the ghettos were used to bring in and smuggle food. In the fight for the State of Israel, children were used as messengers. Children were educated to face realities of daily life, the reasons why it was necessary for them to participate in the struggle for independence, freedom and survival.

Yes, the children were traumatized. Not by what their parents did, but what was done to their parents. We live in a cruel world. The Hebron massacre, the Babi Yar massacre, the Kielce pogrom in Poland, the *Exodus* ship, Ma'alot, to name just a few, certainly traumatized children, who in turn became the fighters and builders of the State of Israel. They were reinforced by their traumas in their belief for a better future for themselves and for their children.

Had the parents of today's children given them some of these ideals and reason raison d'être, they would not be climbing the Himalayas or wandering in Papua, or searching for truth in India. Their Jewish values would have shown them a better way.

HANA GREENFIELD
Tel Aviv.

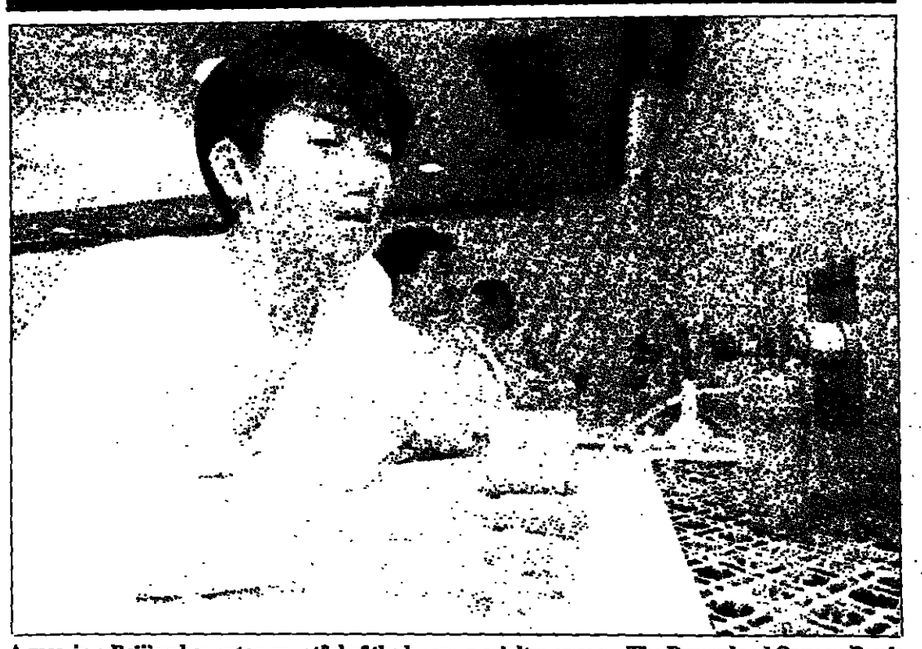
POSTCARDS WANTED

Sir, – In 1969, I worked as a volunteer in Kibbutz Dafna and I wrote to your column asking people here in Israel to send me postcards with city and country views because I wanted to show people back in Holland how beautiful Israel is.

Now, this summer, I came back with my wife and my 15-year-old son, and I am amazed how much the country has changed in those 26 years. Of course, it is again impossible for us to see the whole country in three weeks, and that is the reason why, after 26 years, I want to repeat my request for postcards with city and country views so that I can show people the differences between then and now when I return to Holland. So please send these postcards to the undersigned at Schaapsbergweg 68, 9564PC Zandberg, Holland.

HAN WILLEMSE
Kfar Yuval (Zandberg).

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



A man in a Beijing bar gets a snootful of the house specialty: oxygen. The Dreamland Oxygen Bar is one of four in the city offering an alternative to polluted air. For $6 you can get 30 minutes of pure oxygen; for $9.70 you get a little something extra mixed in: herbal remedies. (AP)

POSTSCRIPT

A STRANGE magnetic disturbance at New York's LaGuardia Airport is interfering with the navigational systems on some planes – and causing some pilots to veer off course.

Aviation officials said that efforts to make pilots aware of the situation were increased in the past year as a safety measure.

Although the problem is described as a "safety concern," officials said it does not endanger passengers.

According to aviation records, a "magnetic anomaly" sometimes causes onboard compasses to show readings that are off by as much as 40 degrees for as long as five minutes after takeoffs. Because of that, signs are posted near LaGuardia's Runways 13 and 22 that warn pilots: "Steel structures may cause erratic compass reading beyond this point."

Aviation officials said the magnetic disturbance was caused by steel, especially in the runway decks that jut out over the water.

The anomalies have occurred since the runway decks were built in 1967.

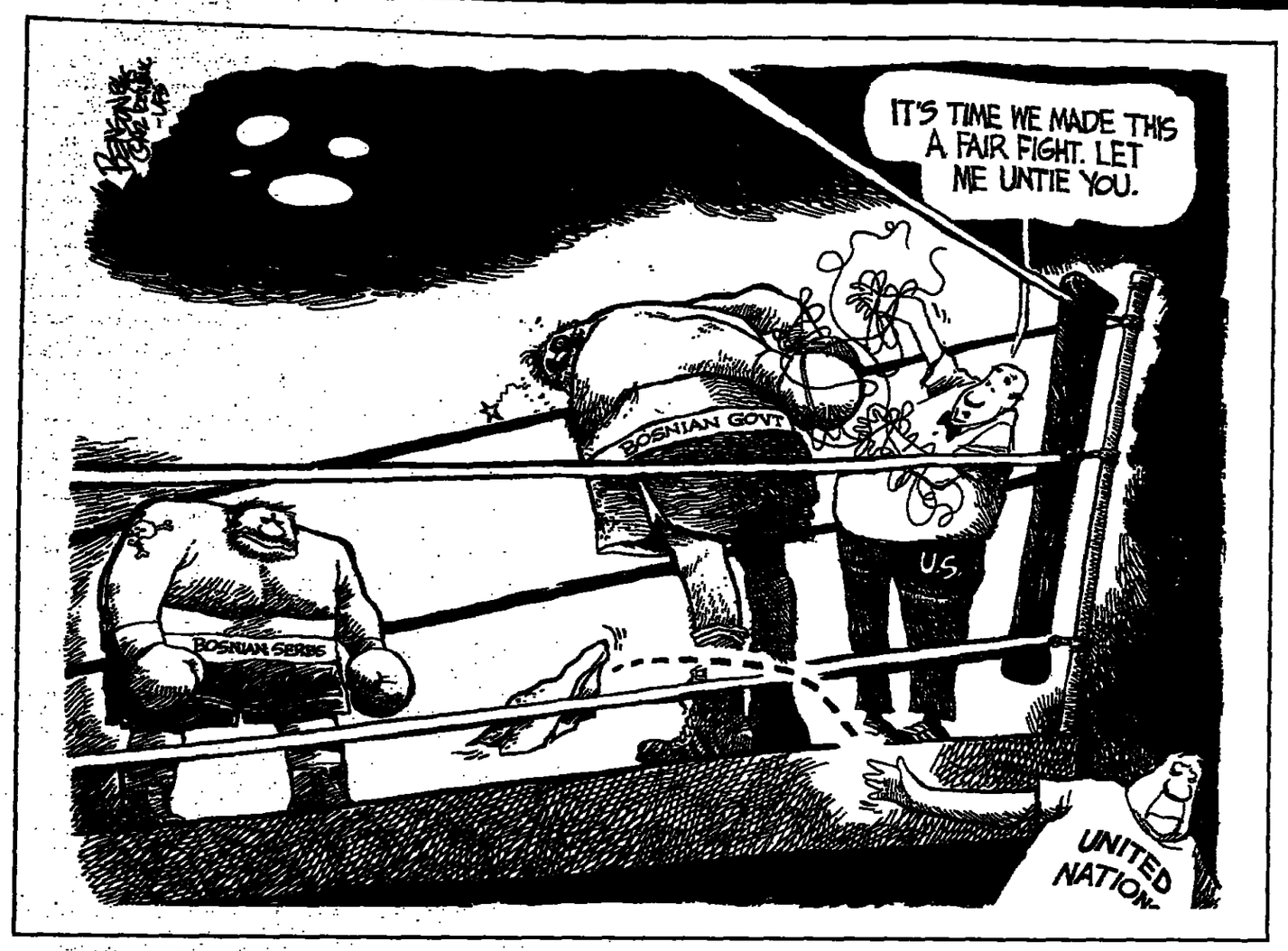
Although they know what causes the problem, officials said the magnetic interference is still a mystery in some ways: It's unclear why the anomaly doesn't affect every plane with a magnetic compass and why it doesn't occur every day.

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Cold War thaw

GOP is slow in adjusting to change

BY ROBERT NOVAK

Henry Kissinger is not a happy man. The former secretary of state considers President Clinton a foreign policy "disaster" who must be replaced by a Republican in next year's election. But Kissinger is nearly as appalled by what the Republicans are saying.

Especially Robert J. Dole, the Senate majority leader and front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination. As if the agonizing problems of Bosnia were not enough, Kissinger told me, "Dole had to get Kosovo settled too." On CBS' "Face the Nation" Aug. 20, the senator attacked Serbia's role in the Kosovo region, which is ethnically dominated by Albanians and could be the spark that sets off a European war.

Dole is solidly in his party's mainstream. Fellow Republicans have been blustering about crises around the world, assailing President Clinton for not being tough enough. However, the Clinton administration is more sensible than the Republican opposition only in degree. Now that they are in power, Vietnam War critics of a generation ago threaten the use of military might where no vital U.S. interests are at stake.

Kissinger and a few others - including his close colleague, former Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger - insist that the nation's interests must be paramount. But many foreign policy specialists, in and out of government, have not adjusted to the post-Cold War era. They want the world's last remaining superpower, lacking an adversary since the Soviet Union's demise, to play international big mother - protecting boundaries and human rights.

This is a dangerous game when it comes to the Balkans. After nearly three years of varying policies and strategies, the Clinton administration has ended up giving a green light to Croatia's military offensive and attendant human rights abuses. Now, State Department officials privately fear that Croatian President Franjo Tudjman will keep his legions marching.

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While the rationale for U.S. intervention is to prevent the former Yugoslavia from incubating World War III, that catastrophe would actually be threatened by Serbia becoming Moscow's client and Croatia becoming Washington's.

The saving grace of the Croatian military adventure is its opening for a new U.S.-led diplomatic initiative. But Clinton's peace plan has been derided by leading Republicans. Consistent with his steady assault on the Serbs, Dole argues that Clinton makes too many concessions to Serbia.

Sen. Richard Lugar, considered one of the most prudent GOP voices on foreign policy (at least until he became a presidential hopeful), has given the Clinton plan mild approbation. Nevertheless, he sticks to his call for 100,000 NATO troops in Bosnia, including 30,000 Americans.

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What's more, when Iraq seized two U.S. businessmen who strayed over the Kuwaiti frontier March 13, Lugar suggested a military strike four months before they were released. That is but an extreme manifestation of what U.S. politicians and policy-makers do when it comes to Saddam Hussein.

Defense Secretary William Perry, who is habituated to truth-telling, recently threw cold water on reports that Iraq planned to attack Kuwait or Saudi Arabia; simultaneously, however, U.S. troops were dispatched to the region. Since the CIA has a very low estimate of Iraqi war-fighting potential, suspicions are raised that the saber-rattling by Clinton is politically motivated. Yet no Republican has voiced criticism.

The problem is that theorists who shaped strategy that won the Cold War have been unable to adjust to victory.

Professor Albert Wohlstetter acts as though the United States is at war in the Balkans, writing in The Wall Street Journal: "After four years, we must face the fact that we are fighting Serbia." His protege, former Assistant Defense Secretary Richard Perle, in his usual aggressive fashion calls for an overt anti-Serbian policy. With the Soviets no longer around, they have sought new enemies, and Republican politicians have followed them.



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Deep thoughts and dreams from above

BY MATTHEW COOPER

The praise grows more lavish every day. After Bill Bradley left the Senate, George Will hailed his "balanced, yet mature view of life." Robert Novak saluted him as "thoughtful." And The Wall Street Journal's columnist Al Hunt went all out, dubbing Bradley "the most admirable senator of this era." They're not crazy. Bradley is an accomplished senator.

But does Bradley's career make him the most admirable senator of this era? If anything, the paeans to Bradley show how Washington swoons over politicians who flaunt their "thoughtfulness" and "ideas." Jack Kemp was once celebrated this way; so was Gary Hart. But Bradley's self-important manner takes this persona to a whole new level. Consider his oft-repeated line that Republicans believe "government is the source of all evil" while Democrats "distrust the market and prefer the bureaucrat they know to the consumer they can't control." This is hyperbole, not insight.

Consider race, the issue on which Bradley has redundantly called for "candid truth." As an ex-athlete, Bradley, it is often said, lived in an integrated world that helps him understand these issues better than those without a jump shot. Take a look at what he's actually said about race, though, and you won't find anything all that innovative. On affirmative action, he's an unashamed booster. That's a respectable position, but it's not original, let alone brave. Bradley has condemned violence and called for measures such as "a program of cognitive stimulation" for infants and "draconian punishment for drug kingpins." This tough-love talk might have been shocking 25 years ago, but today it's hard to find a Democrat who isn't for a combo platter of anti-crime measures and social programs.

The other Bradley interest is "civil society," the nexus of voluntary associations like the PTA and the Boy Scouts that provides a buffer between the individual and the marketplace. In Bradley's mind, civil society is in a disturbing "decline." But the proposition that there is a "profound human disconnectedness" in this age in this America, as opposed to times in other times in the nation's history, seems dubious. Look at that deteriorating voluntary association called religion. Surveys consistently show Americans to be one of the most, if not the most, religious, church-attending peoples in the West. Sure, there's alienation. But this is not "the erosion of love, trust, and mutual obligation" that Bradley fears.

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But even if you buy Bradley's pitch that civil society is in trouble, what can be done? At best, Bradley offers worthy but familiar ideas like going after deadbeat dads; at worst, he peddles gauzy notions like the one he described to Newsweek: calling on Americans to "challenge people to sit down with their neighbors and talk about what it would take for them to again believe that the political process can provide answers." If President Clinton had proposed such a national Renaissance Weekend, it would have been dismissed. Coming from Bradley it passes for a deep thought. If any government program can boost civil society, it's Clinton's national service program, which is a relatively non-bureaucratic way of funding private volunteer groups. It's a civil-society idea that Bradley should love. But at a private Newsweek editorial lunch this year, Bradley dismissed it as old-style government.

In fact, it's hard to see why Bradley is considering running against Clinton at all. On every major issue Bradley has sided with Clinton. Sure, there have been distinctions in areas like trade. In 1993, before Clinton flew off to the G-7 summit in Tokyo, Bradley attended an Oval Office meeting where Clinton and his advisers discussed the trip, including how the president could attack Japanese protectionism with visual props like a visit to an overpriced Japanese supermarket. Bradley, who has criticized Clinton's Japanese trade policy for being too strident, was said to be fuming at the very thought. In the end, Clinton never went in for the gimmick.

At the press conference announcing his retirement, Bradley talked about his book. "A journey into America and a journey into myself," he proclaimed. The overdue tome, scratched out on a yellow legal pad, will compete with books from Newt Gingrich, Ross Perot and Colin Powell's memoirs.

Maybe this cynical view is part of the "profound, human disconnectedness" that Bradley is worried about. But Bradley's coyness over the last few months is enough to make anyone jaded. He drops presidential hints with all the subtlety of Roseanne and then he feigns disdain when the press asks him about his ambitions for 1996. Maybe there's something in the Hudson, because this sounds an awful lot like Cuomoism. The New York governor thought about his options until the public no longer thought much of him.

The perversion of Washington is that it loves its coy, non-candidates more than its candidates. For years, Democrats prayed that Bradley or Cuomo would save them. This year Republicans want to be rescued. But shouldn't the ambition of a Bill Clinton or a Phil Gramm be viewed as a good thing and ambivalence about running be seen as a bad thing? Bradley, though, is still thinking. He vows to go out in the country and, as he told Charlie Rose, "listen to more stories" before deciding. Spare us. This latest episode should be a reminder that we're better off being led by the Sammy Glicks we know rather than the White Knights of our dreams.

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GOP offers panaceas for fed budget woes

BY MATTHEW MILLER

Among the panaceas offered for our budget woes, the latest is the move to scrap whole departments of the Cabinet. The Republicans have been pointing to these proposals as proof that they're willing, in House Budget Committee chief John Kasich's mantra, "to pull some things up by the roots." And the news media have played these easy-to-grasp proposals to the hilt. "Consider two measures of how many decades of precedent the Republicans intend to reverse," fawned Time in a typical story in May. "The Senate GOP wants to zero out the Department of Commerce; Kasich's House troops would also wipe out the Departments of Education and Energy."

"Zero out" and "wipe out" sound serious. They're also untrue. The Commerce, Energy and Education Departments together will spend more than $53 billion in 1995; the annual savings the GOP expects from scrapping these departments is only $10 billion. How do you zero out agencies and still spend 80 percent of what you were spending before? Simple: you don't really eliminate them. You simply move their pieces around and hope no one will notice., like a kid with the peas on his plate. Understand this and you'll see why the craze to dismantle agencies is more about media manipulation than policy progress.

Consider Commerce. Created in 1913, its mission is "to encourage, serve and promote the nation's international trade, economic growth and technological advancement." Its 36,000 employees in 10 major agencies administer programs ranging from patents and trademarks to export controls to technical assistance for minority businesses. Statistical agencies such as the Census and the Bureau of Economic Analysis are found here. So is the National Telecommunication and Information Administration. Yet just under half of Commerce's annual $4 billion budget goes to its National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, whose weather service forms the backbone of all meteorological forecasting across the country.

A lot of these projects sound like stuff government should be doing. The GOP apparently agrees. Under a "dismantling" plan developed by Michigan Rep. Dick Chrysler, NOAA gets broken up and parceled out to the Interior and Agriculture Departments. The Bureau of Export Administration goes to State. Census is moved to Treasury, the Bureau of Economic Analysis to the Federal Reserve, federal spectrum management to the FCC. And so on. So much for zeroing out.

This isn't to say the Republicans don't have some ideas. They laudably plan to abolish the Economic Development Administration (EDA). EDA's reputation for ineffectiveness is so extreme that one governor begged last year that disaster and flood relief money be administered through any agency but EDA. There are other expendable Commerce operations, too.

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What's especially silly about the hyperbolic defense of Commerce is that some White House advisers wanted to throw the department to the wolves themselves, as part of the post-election scramble to show that the president "got it." But, then as now, the aim was not to achieve savings but to win good press. "Don't underestimate the power of blowing up small things," said one senior White House political adviser. "Yes, it's nice to have trophies," admits Rep. Todd Tiahrt of Kansas, who led the House task force to "abolish" the Energy Department. "And easy to use them as 20-second soundbites. That's the nature of the game."

If such bipartisan strategies were merely deceptive, they still might seem like victimless crimes. But box-shuffling in fact wastes precious political capital on congressional and bureaucratic turf wars. Real reforms are often the casualty. President Carter learned this lesson after his vaunted federal reorganization effort produced little of substance. Al Gore got the point and wisely steered his National Performance Review clear of such swamps. Today Dick Chrysler calls such lessons "a bunch of political doublespeak and nonsense." We'll see if he's chastened a year from now.

Or sooner, when Chrysler's fellow Republicans get through trashing his grand designs. GOP appropriators recently voted to fund Commerce at levels that, while below President Clinton's request, still leave the department 7 percent bigger than it was under President Bush. "I think we're heading in the right direction," Chrysler told me nonetheless, sticking to script, though he seemed surprised by the comparison.

It's the same story elsewhere. The Department of Education was created as an act of political symbolism; it can be excised the same way. Yet Republicans plan to save only a fraction of its cost, less by cutting bureaucrats than by cutting assistance to poor kids. At Energy they'll take the nuclear weapons complex, which accounts for half the department budget and obviously can't be thrown away, and send it to a new agency within the Pentagon. Not much there.

Scrapping Commerce, Energy and Education GOP-style shaves less than 1 percent off federal spending and 5 percent off the deficit. "If you're looking at pure dollars, you'll say this little snapshot isn't going to save the world, and you're right," says Tiahrt; means-testing entitlements, he adds, need to be on the table. Republicans should be lauded for bringing fresh scrutiny to government activity across-the-board. But our kids won't care if we "eliminate" these departments or not. If we screw up on the big stuff, watch out.

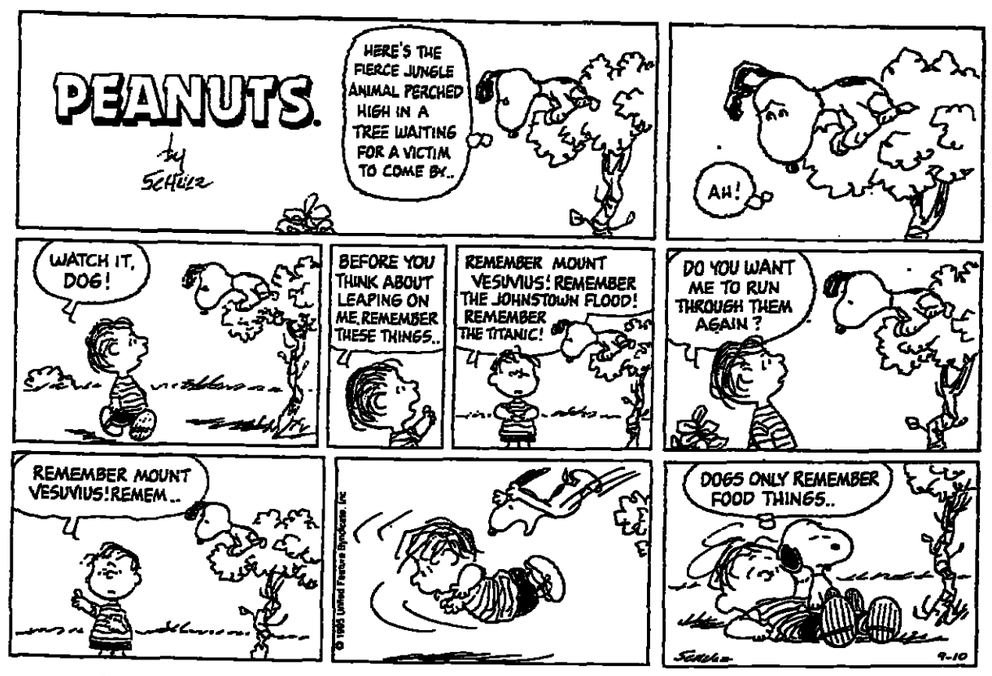
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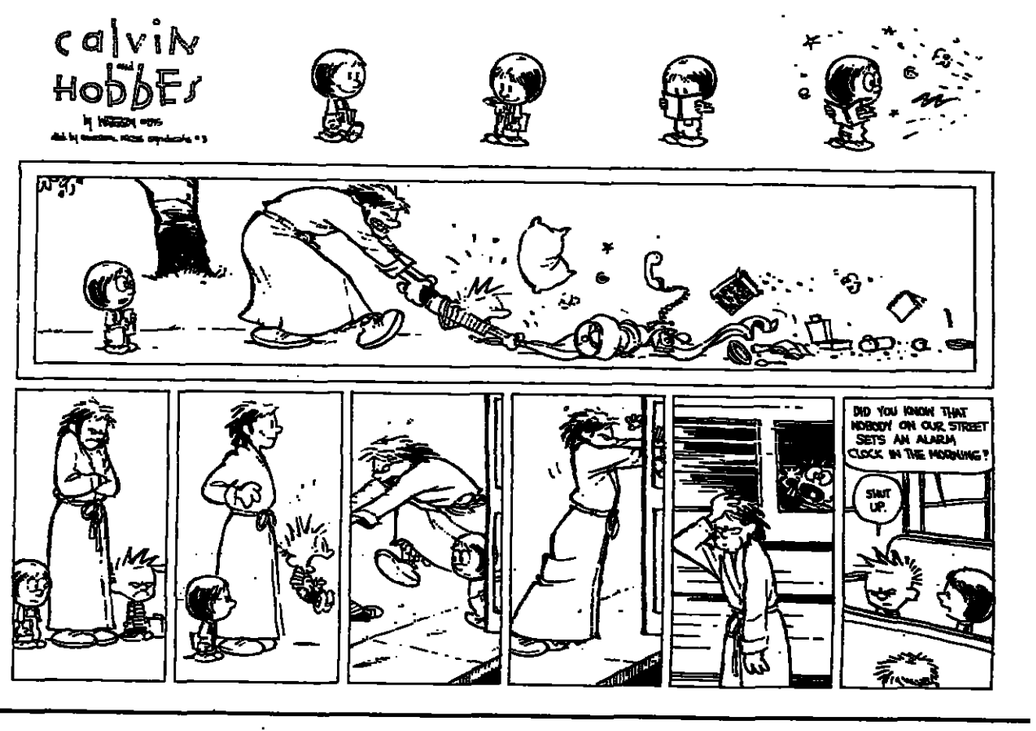


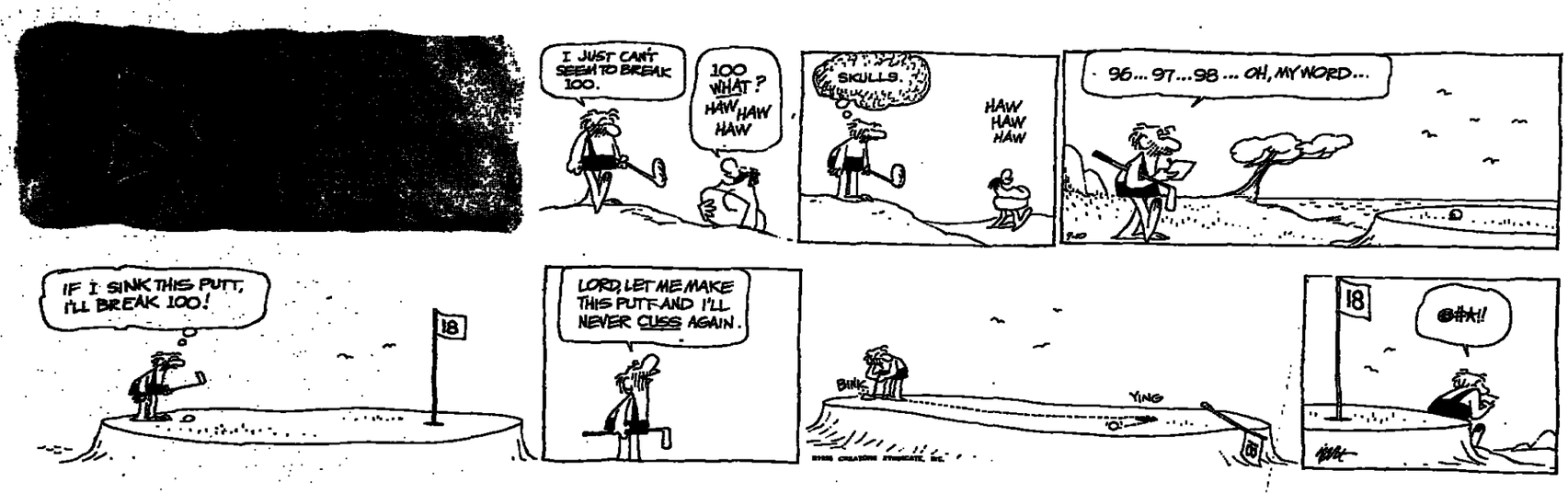
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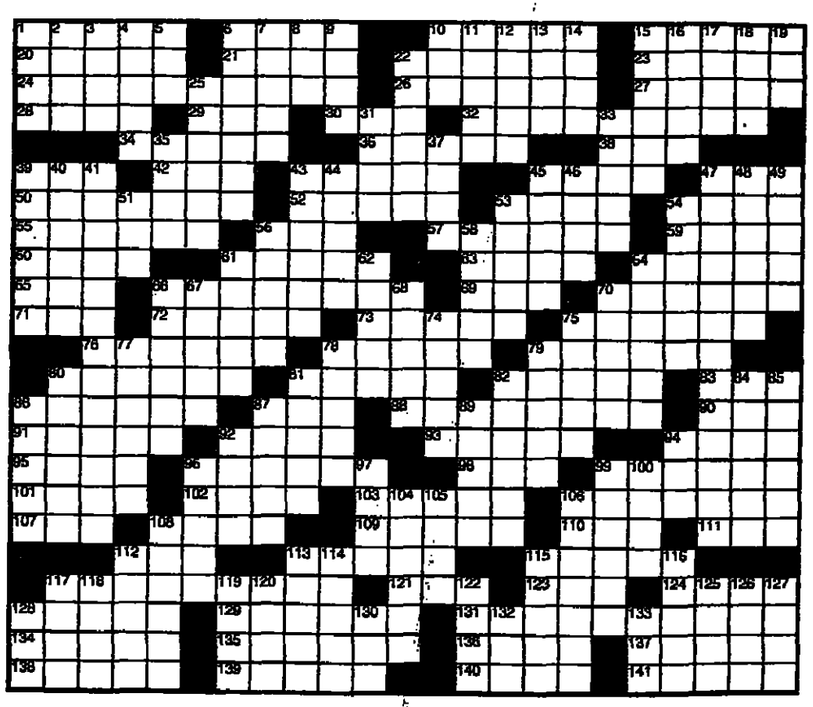
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34 Lawful
35 The ones there
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47 Ungentlemanly one
50 Chinese herb
52 English city
53 Obey
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55 Repeat performance
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57 Each
59 Leave out
60 Bright sign
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64 Slip of the tongue
65 Beaver's project
66 Architect Eero —
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70 Reagan's predecessor
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111 Pigpen
112 River island
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115 French wine
117 London's criminal court
121 Sailor
123 Entirely
124 "Miss — Regrets"
128 Ryan or Tatum —
129 Remove
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134 Fencer's move
135 Tied the score
136 Roof overhang
137 Principal artery
138 Thing of value
139 Indian instrument
140 On the briny
141 Nose: slang

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45 Farm unit
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47 Stephen Foster song
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51 Male offspring
53 Distance runner
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61 Having legal force
62 Embankment
64 Pantry
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77 Wisconsin city
78 Scarlett's love
79 Civil War general
80 Skiing course
81 Brief
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84 Join the army
85 Fastidious
86 Shoulder wrap
87 Characteristic
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92 Canned fish
94 Small rug
96 Assigned amount
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104 Spoke wildly
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108 Fowl part
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127 RBI or ERA
128 Palm leaf
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Was O.J. really set up?

BY CHARLES LANE

Did even Johnnie Cochran ever imagine that the cop who found the bloody glove at O.J. Simpson's house would say that on tape? Seems Detective Fuhrman is *dumb enough to use the "n-word," then deny* it under oath. Now you can't just dismiss the defense theory that O.J. was set up.

The prosecutors in Oklahoma City better not take a conviction for granted, either. At about the same time the Fuhrman tapes surfaced, the paranoid fantasies of the ultraright also received an unexpected fillip. The FBI paid $3.1 million to gun-nut Randy Weaver, compensation for killing Weaver's wife during a 1992 siege of his Idaho cabin that appears to have been bungled and whitewashed by the FBI after all. Knowing this, will Midwest jurors take more seriously the defense being prepared by Tim McVeigh's attorneys: he, too, is a government fall guy?

Scoff at the prospect of an acquittal for McVeigh if you want; laugh at the circus in Judge Ito's court if you still can. But Simpson's defense is teaching a powerful lesson in the uses of paranoia. Not clinical paranoia, but political paranoia, that pernicious mainstay of our political culture defined by historian Richard Hofstadter in his 1964 essay, "The Paranoid Style in American Politics": "The paranoid disposition is mobilized into action chiefly by social conflicts that involve ultimate schemes of values and *that bring fundamental fears and hatreds,* rather than negotiable interests, into political action.... The situation becomes worse when the representatives of a particular political interest... cannot make themselves felt in the political process. Feeling that they have no access to political bargaining or the making of decisions, they find their original conception of the world of power as omnipotent, sinister and malicious fully confirmed."

Hofstadter was writing about the right-wing followers of Joseph McCarthy and the John Birch Society. Oklahoma City shows such angry and alienated people are still around and, *if anything, more mainstream than before.* Hofstadter is also relevant to modern African American politics. Certainly his schema encompasses Cochran's defense — and helps explain why it has so much support in the black community, where even wilder theories (about the genocidal origins of AIDS, for example) also flourish. Indeed, the penchant for conspiracy theory on both sides of America's racial divide is ironic evidence that blacks and whites do partake of a *common* political culture after all — characteristic forms of demagogy included.

The paranoid style is effective for two main reasons. First, Hofstadter wrote, it offers a worldview that is "far more coherent than the real world, since it leaves no room for mistakes, failures or ambiguities." Objectively viewed, the O.J. Simpson story fits no simple paradigm about race or racism. Exhibit A is the defendant himself, worshiped by the (*mostly white*) public, welcome at private golf clubs, rich enough to buy almost a year of eye-glazing due process. His marriage to Nicole Brown, not to mention his multiple flings *with other white women, would have been* unthinkable, perhaps suicidal, only a few decades ago. In post-'60s L.A., they were merely the stuff of gossip. When white cops, *including Fuhrman, caught Simpson beating* up Nicole in years past, he got off easy. If anything, the police conspired in favor of the big shot with whom they routinely traded favors. Then there is the Japanese-American judge; black and Jewish lawyers working together at both the defense and prosecution tables; witnesses of all ethnicities; and, most important, a jury that is three-fourths black.

Seems perfectly possible to me that Mark Fuhrman is a thuggish cop capable of planting evidence, but a mountain of data independent of his testimony nevertheless implicates Simpson.

Seems perfectly possible to me that Mark Fuhrman is a thuggish cop capable of planting evidence, but a mountain of data independent of his testimony nevertheless implicates Simpson. *In an adversarial American trial,* however, with its "reasonable doubt" standard of proof, there are few incentives to pursue such nuanced, as opposed to absolute, truth. This is where Hofstadter's second caveat comes in: Even paranoids have real enemies. As Johnnie Cochran knows in his bones, a rational basis for black paranoia about the justice system exists. Brutality and crude racial attitudes are not the norm among police, but are *more common* than many whites realize or care to admit. In Prince George's County, Md., police recently descended on the home of a black man witnesses had fingered as a cop-killer. After dragging him from his bed and savagely beating him, they held him in jail for weeks before admitting the witnesses were wrong. In historical terms, the case for black suspicion is even stronger, as a thousand travesties by all-white Southern juries attest.

Hofstadter wrote, "What distinguishes the paranoid style is not the absence of verifiable facts, but rather the curious leap in imagination that is always made at some critical point in the recital of events." And, thanks to the Fuhrman tapes, the "curious leap" required to accept the Simpson defense now looks more like a reasonable doubt. Cochran has the smidgen of fact he needs to awaken whatever ingrained racial fear may be harbored by at least one member of the jury — and thus to *nullify a mountain of incriminating evidence.* The defense has succeeded in redrawing the battle lines. No longer is it the People v. Simpson; it is Us v. Them. Even sequestered *black jurors must know Simpson is viewed* sympathetically by many in their communities and that a vote to convict risks ostracism.

This, too, represents fundamental racial change, albeit of an ironic kind. *Once it was* routine for Southern prosecutors to convict black defendants based on little more than paranoia. Remember the closing argument of the white prosecutor in the 1933 trial of the Scottsboro Boys, nine young black men who were being defended by Communist-supported lawyers from New York against trumped-up interracial rape charges: "Show them that Alabama justice can't be bought and sold with Jew money from the North!" Simpson's defense shows we have progressed to the point where black defendants, too, have access to the formerly whites-only privilege of exploiting racial fear.

The Simpson defense is worse than untrue. It's an affront to our ideal notions of the rule of law, according to which courts are supposed to base their decisions on a calm review of the evidence, not emotions smuggled in from the political and social hurly-burly outside. But as Cochran would no doubt reply, coolly straightening his silk tie, paranoia is as American as Monday Night Football.

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Meese supports Fuhrman defense

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

The public is finally learning the extent of police perjury and evidence tampering around the country. In Philadelphia, several police officers have admitted planting drugs in the homes of innocent citizens. In upstate New York, a number of state troopers have been found guilty of planting fingerprints at crime scenes. In New York City, more than a dozen policemen have admitted to committing perjury while testifying against defendants.

Commission after commission — beginning with the Wickersham commission back in 1931 to the Mollen Commission in 1994 — have found police perjury to be pervasive, rather than sporadic, and to have been tolerated and even encouraged by superiors. As the Mollen Commission put it: The challenge we face in combating police falsifications is not only to prevent the underlying wrongdoing that spawns police falsifications, but to eliminate the tolerance the (New York Police) Department and the criminal justice system exhibit about police who fail to tell the truth.

When the Mollen Commission issued its report, I wrote an op-ed piece critical of the Commission's exclusive focus on the police themselves and its refusal to broaden the inquiry to include "judges and prosecutors who subtly encourage (police) perjury..."

Now former Reagan Attorney General Edwin Meese, and his Assistant Attorney General Bradford Reynolds, have provided additional evidence of my point. They are two of the four directors of an organization called the Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund, located in Arlington, Va. On Aug. 17, 1995 — several days after it was disclosed that Los Angeles Police Officer Mark Fuhrman had bragged on tape about committing perjury and tampering with evidence — the Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund issued a statement of support for Mark Fuhrman. The names of Meese and Reynolds and the fact that they are, respectively, the former attorney general and the former assistant attorney general, are featured prominently on the statement.

The thrust of the Meese-Reynolds letter is that if Fuhrman lied or planted evidence, the jury should not learn of these facts. So much for the Fourth and Sixth Amendments. Instead, the Meese-Reynolds letter proposes that the defendant should testify that he is innocent. So much for the Fifth Amendment.

At the time Meese and Reynolds authorized the letter of support that bears their names and former titles, they could not have known *the full extent of Fuhrman's admitted racism, perjury, excessive violence* and other crimes. Yet they were willing to lend their names in "support" of this despicable bigot with a badge.

Earlier, Meese had joined Fuhrman for lunch at the University Club in Washington. Now he is helping to solicit funds for Fuhrman. Consider the message this show of support sends to other officers. If you lie, tamper with evidence and express racist views, the former attorney general of the United States and his deputy will support you.

It is extremely unlikely that officer Fuhrman will ever be prosecuted for perjury by the L.A. District Attorney's Office, regardless of how clear it is that his lies were deliberate. He is their witness, and they knew he was a rotten apple when they vouched for his credibility. Newsweek has reported that a highly reliable source told them that the prosecutors knew Fuhrman lied when he denied using the "n" word. If that is true, then these same prosecutors would never risk their own bar certificates by prosecuting Fuhrman for perjury, since it is likely that their knowledge would emerge at a trial. That is why it is essential that a special prosecutor be appointed to decide whether Fuhrman and other officers may have committed perjury at the Simpson trial.

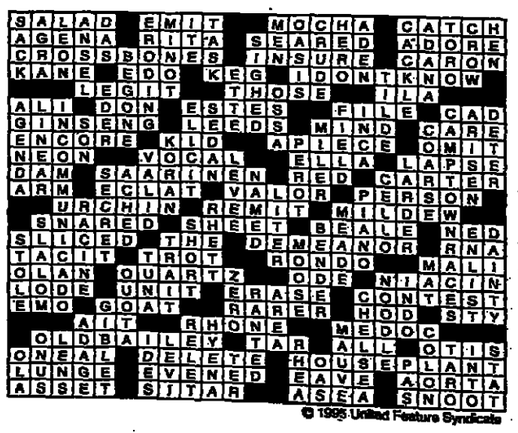
Judge Ito has already found that officer Vanatter was "at least reckless" — a judicial euphemism for lying — when he made six "misstatements" in his sworn search warrant application.

Vanatter also lambasted a fellow police officer for testifying against other police, calling him a traitor and telling him that in his 27 years as a police officer he has never seen one cop testify against another the way Officer Ragle did. That is the way of the L.A.P.D., as the Christopher Commission found. The Fuhrman tapes and Vanatter statement confirm this Blue Wall of Silence.

Every prosecutor is aware of the extent of police perjury, especially in the case of search and seizure exclusionary rule motions. To the extent that they tolerate it, prosecutors are part of the problem. But never before has a former attorney general gone as far as Edwin Meese now has in lending his name and the title of his former office to the toleration of the kind of police misconduct established by the Fuhrman tapes.

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The IDF vet who didn't return from the Galapagos

SRAYA SHAPIRO
THERE AND THEN

HE was an ordinary, bright boy, just like so many other youths who conscientiously do their military service and then take a break of several months to travel around the world before attending college or settling down. But Guy Nachmoni was last seen in the Galapagos Islands, where he went to see the famous giant tortoises that had inspired Charles Darwin's theories on evolution.

Apparently he got lost in the jungle and died of exhaustion. The quest for his body, spearheaded by his father, is the theme of a 208-page Ministry of Defense study, written by veteran journalist Haim Tal, entitled *Lo hazar migalapagos* ("He did not come back from Galapagos"). It is fancifully translated as "Eyeless in Galapagos." Though all of the people mentioned in the study are real people, asserts Tal, some of them requested that he not use their real names.

Tal writes the story in first person singular, attributing sections to different people. This literary trick turns the study into an interesting narrative.

Guy's urge to see the world was hardly unique. The week he finished writing his book, Tal says, "Two more names were added to the long list of youths who failed to come back from their travels in countries far and close – Tibet, Siberia, the Ararat mountains, the Amazon River, Tierra del Fuego.

"Some got lost in the Himalayas, in the tundras, or in South American and African pampas and jungles; in Thailand, Burma, India and China. They foundered in snow, disappeared among savage tribes, drowned in gushing streams. Others took drugs, fell exhausted on impenetrable tracks, contracted local illnesses that are fatal for strangers," enumerates Tal.

But Guy was serious-minded. He did not take undue risks and prepared his journey thoroughly.

"He failed because he trusted people, assumed their sense of responsibility to others," Tal says.

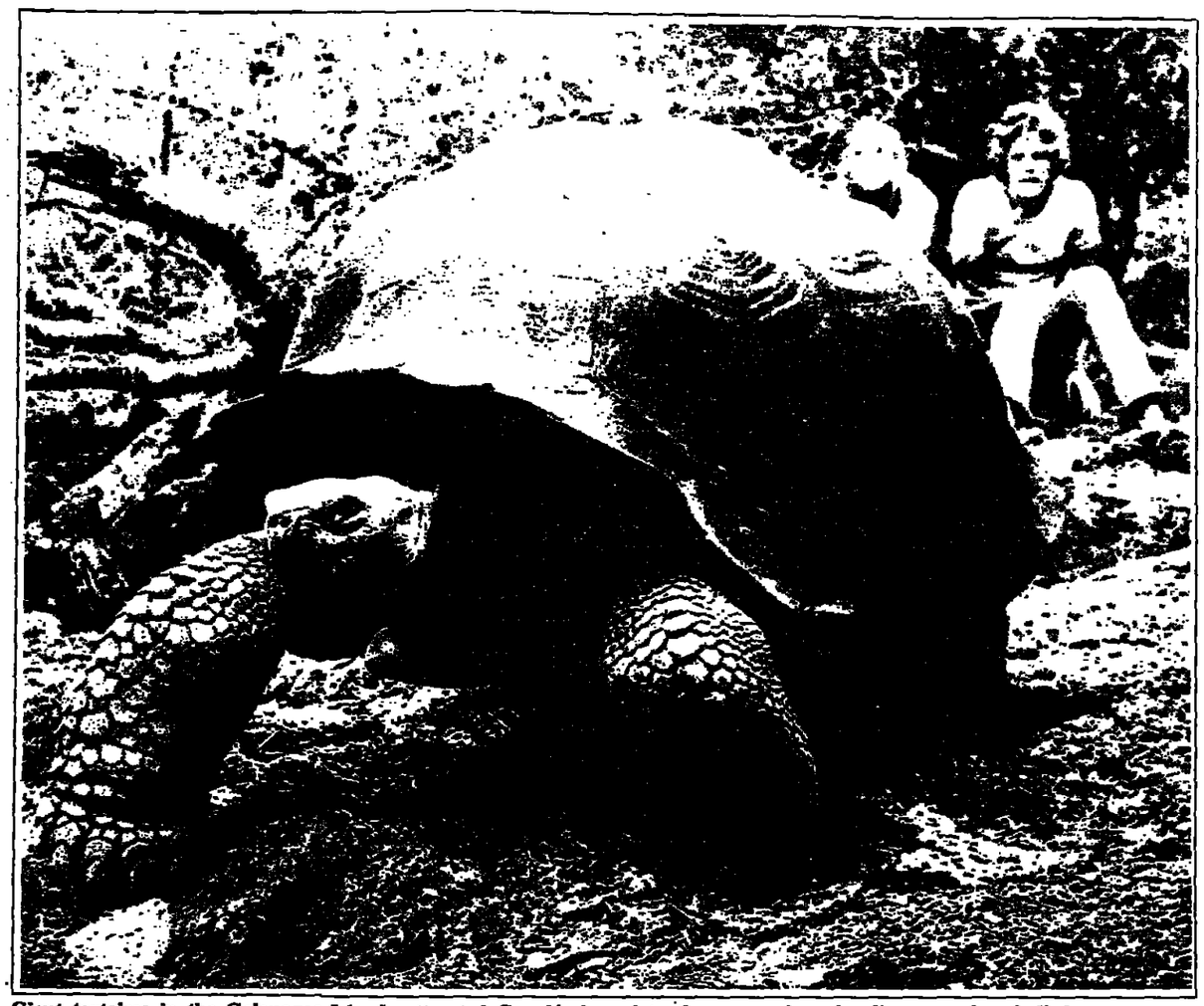
Like many Israelis, Guy was outspoken with his schoolmates and his teachers. He was equally direct and frank in his relations with fellow recruits and army instructors. Nevertheless, he made many friends, who were prone to forgive his faults because of his virtues.

In the army, Guy served as an Armored Corps instructor. He did not mind living in a tent, finding it more "interesting" than being quartered in a concrete building. On sleepless nights, he would chat with other soldiers, joyfully mimicking their instructors and comrades.

Guy insisted on absolute discipline and believed in serving by example. He carried his kitbag, like any private, even though officers were exempt from this duty. He was also always ready to help.

He had a firm opinion on everything, including the duties of a commanding officer. Naturally, some of his immediate superiors were not amused. Guy did not mind.

After completing his military service, Guy decided to tour South America.



Giant tortoises in the Galapagos Islands attracted Guy Nachmoni to the area, where he disappeared and died. (Aliza Auerbach)

"And what if the situation here worsens?" his comrades asked.

"I'll come back from anywhere the moment IDF wants me," he assured them.

He planned his journey in great detail, intending to travel through Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia and Ecuador, and then end with a short leap to the Galapagos Islands. He studied all of the available guidebooks and obtained all of the relevant maps. He even learned some rudimentary Spanish.

En route, Guy discovered assistance from an unexpected quarter: every Israeli who had wandered in the area has made it his duty to leave detailed notes of advice in his hotel for successive travelers. The notes, of course, are all in Hebrew.

Israelis generally roam about in pairs or small groups. Guy preferred solitary rambles. Occasionally, he tolerated company. A ruddy Norwegian was with him in the Inca mountains. A young woman who grew up on a kibbutz and whose mother was Dutch offered to accompany him in Chile.

The people he met in semi-deserted regions were usually poor villagers or solitary shepherds. But he also encountered strange individuals, like a Japanese man who somehow got lost in the Andes and established a sort of "Little Nippon" to assist passing travelers. Guy took notes of these experiences.

His last telephone call home was made on June 26, 1991. He was last seen by four Israelis in the Galapagos. A photograph shows him wearing green shorts and a striped shirt, with a light felt hat adorned by a feather.

When inquiries made by the Israeli consul in Quito failed to reveal his tracks, Guy's father undertook a thorough research campaign. He went to the Galapagos himself and engaged a large group of rescuers to comb the jungle.

Finally, Guy's skeleton was discovered, half buried by sand, near the shore of the Little Crabs. His backpack was found nearby. It was intact, except for the camera.

Japanese release themselves from quake rubble

IN the aftermath of January's devastating earthquake, Shigeo Tatsuki wondered whether Western trauma counseling would work in a society where emotions and pain tend to be repressed and psychological treatment itself is still shunned.

But when an Israeli trauma psychologist took him and others through a drawing exercise during a recent seminar on healing techniques, Tatsuki found himself in tears as he sketched his own desire for hope in a picture of a blue sky peeking through a thorny rose bush.

"When I cried, I felt the process of healing and realized how much I needed help," said Tatsuki, a Kwansei Gakuin University sociologist who today is leading regional efforts to expand mental-health education through seminars and a cable TV program.

"I was much impressed that these techniques could alleviate stress by helping us to feel." As experts from around the globe have flown here to share healing techniques born of their own wars, disasters and atrocities, the people of Kobe are finding that they do work.

"We know Japanese are much more withheld than Western people, and certainly men won't show their emotions easily," said Israeli psychologist Reuven Gal, the expert on trauma who shared healing techniques with mental-health experts at Tatsuki's seminar. "But the inner emotions – the pain, fear, anxiety – I believe are universal among people of any culture who go through severe trauma."

With small smiles and big hugs, quiet confessions and tearful release, the people are beginning to heal themselves.

Five months after the earth heaved and killed 5,500 people in the Kobe area, an American social worker, Kelly Lemmon-Kishi, brings teddy bears donated by well-wishers throughout the US and tells entranced children at a YMCA preschool to hug their new friends whenever they are scared or sad.

At a temporary housing shelter, Yoshio Hirata, 93, tells psychotherapist Kazu Kobayashi that he has no pleasures left in life. But even as his brow furrows with the pain of his wife's death from complications after the quake, he is clearly happy for this rare chance to talk and does so, nonstop.

Hiroko Minami sponsors trauma specialists from San Francisco to lecture at her nursing school and ably uses the techniques herself. Recently, one of her nurses came to her feeling blue and ended up pouring her story out in tears, the first time the distraught woman had had a chance to talk about herself rather than listen to others.

In one of the quake's most striking reverberations, Kobe has launched a wave of public education and volunteer training about mental health on a scale unprecedented in Japan. Many here hope Kobe will be the catalyst for de-stigmatizing psychological care among the Japanese, much as the Vietnam War did for Americans.

"Twenty, 30 years ago in the US, mental illness was a secret and going to see a psychiatrist was a family shame," said Lemmon-Kishi, president of the Kansai International Association of Counselors and Psychotherapists.

"But Vietnam helped Americans understand that people who had gone through a horrible war would have emotional reactions they couldn't control," she says. "I hope Kobe will give birth to the same thing in Japan." It may, thanks to a widespread focus on what people here are calling "*kokoro no kea*" – mental care – and post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD. The phenomenon was first identified among Vietnam veterans reliving the war through nightmares, flashbacks, insomnia and irritability.

The disorder has since become universally accepted as a normal reaction to major traumatic events, such as wars or natural disasters, said Bob Baker, clinical coordinator for the US Veterans Affairs National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in Menlo Park, California. Treatment methods aim primarily at helping people express suppressed emotions and teaching them how to stop disturbing thoughts, control nightmares and manage sleep.

In recent years, counseling has become a bit more acceptable. Japan's urbanization has weakened family and community ties that used to sustain people in times of emotional need, and big cities give people cover to seek help in anonymity, experts say.

But professional counseling is still largely shunned as shameful proof of abnormality. Those without friends or family in whom to confide may drink. Others, Minami said, express their frustrations through anger, resulting in bullying, domestic violence and child abuse which she suspects are far higher than commonly reported.

As a result of such taboos, Kobe's intense focus on mental health as a normal and legitimate concern could represent a watershed for Japan.

"These are new things for Japan," said Naotaka Shinfuku, who heads Kobe University's International Center for Medical Research and the newly formed Mental Health Support Network. "In the past, disaster victims were given physical check-ups, but not much attention was paid to the needs of their psychological care. The [Kobe] earthquake has broken some of the stigma attached to this."

Volunteer Yoshiko Sato approaches quake evacuees as she distributes a local newsletter. Kobayashi, the psychotherapist, coaxes conversation from elderly shelter residents by making friends first at karaoke events. Psychologist Kyoko Nakatani uses massage to relax her patients, while nursing educator Minami tries to draw people out while giving medical checkups.

These specialists and others say that Japanese are just as eager to talk about their experiences as anyone else, provided the approach is tactful and care is taken to build trust over repeated visits.

(Los Angeles Times)

Some dogs are easier to train than others

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A Tel Aviv friend says that he has had several German shepherds and one Labrador retriever and has always trained them with great success. Now he has a basset hound, which he is finding extremely hard to train. He wonders if basset hounds are less intelligent than shepherds and retrievers or if is it necessary to use different training methods.

Some breeds are easier to train than others, and people often learn this after they buy a new dog.

When we talk about the ordinary obedience training that we usually give the family dog, we often confuse what professionals call "adaptability intelligence" with overall intelligence.

Dog breeds have been developed over the centuries for many different purposes.

Several hundred years ago those who tended flocks did not know anything about genes, but they did know that certain things in man and animal were, so to speak, "in their blood." They knew that a good herding bitch usually produced pups that were good herders. They also knew that if the sire was a good herder, then the chances were even higher that the pups would be too.

The knowledge that there is a specific gene for the herding instinct was far in the future, but shepherds selected their breeding stock by the quality of performance and they produced fine, reliable herding dogs. The same was true of sportsmen who bred gun dogs. This selection went on for centuries.

At the same time, there were other breeds being developed, such as hounds that hunted in packs, terriers that chased down their prey, and guard breeds that were chosen for their skill as good protectors of place and property.

It is great surprise, therefore, that dogs that were bred for complicated duties, such as controlling a herd of sheep, have a different attitude from other breeds towards following human commands.

In general, dogs of the herding breeds are probably the most easily trained, and they are only slightly, if at all, superior to good retrievers and other specialized gun dogs. The guard breeds, such as Doberman pinschers and rottweilers also excel at accepting obedience training.

On the other hand, most terriers, pack-hunting hounds, are harder to train. This does not mean that they are less intelligent, only that they have a personality that is less attuned to accepting human direction.

Any dog can be trained, but some require more patience than others. Even within a specific breed there are differences in individual dogs. One needs to treat each dog individually and relate to it as is, and not as the embodiment of some preconceived notion.

Authors claim Jack the Ripper was a Yankee

A new book tries to shed light on the hideous, London-based crimes that have baffled criminologists for more than a century

JACK the Ripper's macabre crimes in the murky, gas-lit streets of London's impoverished East End have baffled criminologists for more than a century.

Scores of theories abound about the identity of the 19th-century serial killer who disemboweled prostitutes, but a new book claims the Ripper was an American who escaped the grasp of British police.

Authors Stewart Evans and Paul Gainey believe an eccentric doctor and avowed misogynist, Francis J. Tumblety, committed the gruesome crimes and Scotland Yard covered up its own incompetence in letting him escape.

"Certainly if anybody is Jack the Ripper it is this man," said Evans, a former police and crime historian. "Everything points to it. They arrested him four days after the last Ripper murder in London at which time the murders stopped."



This 'Punch' magazine cartoon, depicting Jack the Ripper as 'The Nemesis of the Neglect,' was published a day before another of his victims was murdered.

Their book, *The Lodger: The Arrest and Escape of Jack the Ripper*, is based on an unpublished letter Evans bought from an antiquarian bookseller in 1993.

Written in 1913 by Chief Inspector John Littlechild of the special branch of London's Scotland Yard police headquarters, it names Tumblety as the prime suspect.

"There is every indication that this was silenced by Scotland Yard because they in fact lost their prime suspect," said Evans.

"They spent a week trying to get enough evidence to charge him and in the end they set a huge bail figure on him hoping that they could hold him on a lesser offense. Two men came forward, they bailed him and he escaped to New York."

Scotland Yard refused to comment on the latest Ripper theory, saying it is only of historical interest. Evans and Gainey claim everything points to Tumblety and a coverup.

Littlechild's letter refers to a copious police file on Tumblety but no documents have ever been found.

Despite an international manhunt stretching across the Atlantic, the British press, which ran extensive coverage of the hideous crimes, never mentioned Tumblety in any of their reports.

AFTER THE mysterious doctor disappeared from New York in late 1888, similar murders were committed in Jamaica and Nicaragua which intrigued Scotland Yard.

"These were so similar to the Ripper murders that Scotland Yard believed the Ripper was in Nicaragua and sent to the police there for copies of their reports on these murders," Evans said.

While doing research for the book in New York's Public Library, Gainey said he was shocked when he found a *New York Times* story from November 19, 1888, reporting the arrest of Tumblety on suspicion of complicity in the Ripper murders.

He also discovered that the mysterious doctor was more bizarre and notorious than anyone had realized and had been questioned by US police in connection with the assassination of president Abraham Lincoln.

"My own idea of this case [the Ripper murders] is that it would be such a thing that Tumblety would be concerned with," William Burr, a lawyer who knew him, told the *New York World* newspaper in 1888.

Despite his dubious medical credentials – Tumblety is often described as a herb doctor – Evans and Gainey said he possessed the anatomical knowledge to commit the Ripper killings in which body parts were surgically removed from the victims.

"I have been in the force a long time but I never saw such a sight. The body had been ripped open, like a pig in the market," policeman Edward Watkins said after finding the body of Ripper victim Catherine Eddowes.

Gainey also learned that Tumblety had a grisly collection of biological specimens, including wombs "from all classes of women" which he proudly displayed to visitors.

A flamboyant dresser, Tumblety fitted witnesses' descriptions of the foreign-looking killer who terrorized Victorian London wearing a long overcoat and deerstalker cap.

He also made no secret of his hatred for women after he learned that his wife had been working in a brothel. (Reuter)

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NFL Preview

Season kicks off today

49ers, Cowboys should top NFC

NEW YORK (AP) – Maybe the rivalry between San Francisco and Dallas is this simple: The team that lands Deion Sanders goes to the Super Bowl.

At least that seems to be the gist of the bickering between Dallas owner Jerry Jones and president Carmen Policy of the 49ers.

Whatever, the NFC in 1995 isn't likely to be much different from 1994 – San Francisco and Dallas at the top; eight or nine teams challenging to be the four who will then be knocked out of the playoffs by the 49ers and Cowboys.

So circle November 12: That's when San Francisco goes to Dallas with the winner getting home field in the NFC title game January 14.

Is it that simple? Barring injury it is.

Both teams were hurt by offseason defections, as was everyone.

The 49ers lost their prime running back, Ricky Watters, to Philadelphia and new coach Ray Rhodes, the 49ers' ex-defensive coordinator. The Cowboys lost center Mark Stepnoski to Houston; safety James Washington to Washington; wide receiver Alvin Harper to Tampa Bay; and pass rusher Jim Jeffcoat to Buffalo.

But if that cost depth, the talent on both teams is still one level above the rest of the conference, starting at quarterback with San Francisco's Steve Young and Dallas' Troy Aikman.

New York, Philadelphia and Arizona figure to be competitive in the East.

The Central remains mush. Minnesota, Green Bay, Detroit and Chicago all made the playoffs last year, but none stands out.

New Orleans and Atlanta could challenge for playoff spots in the West, where the newly transplanted St. Louis Rams are the only other team west of the Mississippi – by a half-mile.

The 49ers won the Sanders sweepstakes and he helped them solidify the defense that had been one reason they lost two straight title games to the Cowboys. Then San Francisco went on to beat Dallas, 21-14, in November, and 38-28 in the NFC title game.

Then the 49ers crushed San Diego, 49-26, in the Super Bowl, the 11th straight time an NFC team has won.

This year, the 49ers came to camp without Watters and Sanders but with JJ Stokes, the wide receiver they grabbed with the 10th pick of the draft, just as they had moved up a year ago to take defensive tackle Bryant Young. Stokes broke his hand in camp, but he'll be back for the last three-quarters of the season.

They signed Alfred Williams as a pass rusher to push Rickey Jackson. Williams, who turned down $2.5 million from Cincinnati to take $250,0000 plus incentives from the 49ers, gave the world the Jackson litany: "The money's not important. I want to win."

So with Young and Jerry Rice a given, the problem is the running backs – Derek Loville, Ricky Ervins and Adam Walker – plus second-year fullback William Floyd. But Floyd will miss the first few weeks with a broken foot.

One other problem is replacing Sanders if they don't get him after baseball (Marquez Pope, signed from the Rams, is the right corner now).

Another is replacing the coordinators who went on to be head coaches, Rhodes and Mike Shanahan in Denver. Marc Trestman, who had been out of football for three years, will run the offense and ex-Jets coach Pete Carroll takes over the defense.

But Dallas has similar changes.

Dave Campo, another Jimmy Johnson assistant that Barry Switzer inherited, replaces Butch Davis as defensive coordinator.

Campo must find a linebacker to replace holdout Darrin Smith and is using Brock Marion to replace Washington, who was nearly the Super Bowl MVP two years ago. He also must hope Shante Carver, the disappointing No. 1 pick last year, can replace Jeffcoat as Charles Haley's helpmate in passing situations.

But the biggest problem could be the offensive line, because leaks there endanger Aikman and Emmitt Smith.

Erik Williams has come back more quickly than expected from last season's knee injury, but his effectiveness is still a question; Nate Newton and Mark Tuinei are aging and Ray Donaldson, who will replace Stepnoski at center, is 37.

Kevin Williams replaces Harper. That's fine, but Cory Fleming, who was supposed to replace Williams as No 3, was a disappointment and the Cowboys are looking for depth there.

"I think we can challenge the Cowboys," Dan Reeves said when the Giants opened camp.

Now, he may not be so sure. Injuries have kept six starters out of exhibitions and the only depth is at running back, where Tyrone Wheatley joins Rodney Hampton and Herschel Walker.

Still, the defense has no big playmakers and there's no pass rush to talk about unless Keith Hamilton and Michaell Strahan somehow find what they're supposed to have.

There's a pass rush in Arizona, where Eric Swann gives the Cardinals the best inside push of anyone in the league. Aeneas Williams may be the best cornerback few people know.

But Buddy Ryan went only 8-8 in his Arizona debut because he had no offense. Dave Krieg, 37, is the quarterback, but can Ryan resist firing him the first time he throws three interceptions, as he is wont to do?

Rhodes will turn around Philadelphia, which lost its last seven and finished 7-9. But it may not happen this year while he installs the "California offense" – if Randall Cunningham doesn't grasp it early, Rodney Peete may.

The defense lost Eric Allen, its best corner, the latest in defections that started with Reggie White. The defense against the run is also suspect – Rhodes even talked about bringing William Perry back from the wrestling circuit.

Washington, 3-13 in the first year of the Norv Turner regime, helped its defense with safeties James Washington and Stanley Richard and Marvcus Patton at linebacker. But Heath Shuler, in his second season, will get on-the-job training at quarterback, so the Redskins will be nowhere close to contention.

The Central is so open that even Tampa Bay might have been contended had not Craig Erickson been traded to allow Trent Dilfer to play quarterback.

Minnesota won the division at 10-6 last season as the Central became the first division ever to put four teams in postseason. But it was a tribute to mediocrity – the Packers, Lions and Bears all made it at 9-7.

The Vikings were Air Moon last season. But Warren Moon is 38, and has had a turbulent summer off the field.

But Moon to Cris Carter and Jake Reed remains the team's strength, and the running may have to come from rookie James Stewart, the big back to go with Robert Smith, the injury-prone little one.

The defensive line lost Henry Thomas, who went to the Lions to join John Teerlinck, the defensive line coach. The secondary was also rebuilt – three of the four starters were allowed to move on.

Chicago went 9-7 without an offense: the Bears scored more than 20 points only four times. Steve Walsh ran the most successful version, 6-1 as a starter, to 3-8 for Erik Kramer. Lewis Tillman was a plodding running back.

So Rashaan Salaam, the Heisman winner, was drafted to add speed, held out, and found his way into coach Dave Wannstedt's doghouse. But Wannstedt is a good enough coach to get the Bears back to 9-7 again.

Detroit has Barry Sanders, which in this division can be enough to win.

But he needs an offensive line and he needs help from Scott Mitchell, an $8m question mark at quarterback after spending half of last season out with an injury.

Thomas will help the defense, and so might rookie Luther Ellis.

Coach Mike Holmgren is surprisingly confident about his Packers despite the injury-forced release of Sterling Sharpe, the offense the last three years. Maybe it's because of Brett Favre, who last year showed the ability to join Young and Aikman at the top of the conference's quarterbacks.

But not only is Sharpe gone but so is pass rusher Bryce Paup. The running game is a question and there were so many camp injuries that thee Packers were down to four linebackers entering their final exhibition.

Tampa, which won four straight only to lose the finale for its 12th straight season of double-digit losses, signed Harper and got Warren Sapp in the draft after Sapp was dropped because of positive drug tests. With Santana Dotson and Eric Curry, he could give the Bucs the pass rush they've lacked.

But Harper has a knee injury and Dilfer will have his ups and downs. Which means that Sam Wyche may not be around to coach next year, when Dilfer presumably will be ready.

New Orleans looks like the best of West's eastern four.

Jim Everett found new life away from the Rams; Mario Bates looks like one of the league's better young running backs, and William Roaf leads a good offensive line.

But the defense, the strength of the team during Jim Mora's 10-year tenure, was down last year and remains down. It goes from 3-4 to 4-3 with Wayne Martin, the best of the linemen, moving from end to tackle, and Eric Allen should shore up the secondary. There aren't enough bodies up front and at linebacker to make much difference.

Atlanta is the last run-and-shoot team left – coach June Jones was one of the system's originators. It plugs in Eric Metcalf, more of a runner, for Andre Rison, who was at the end of Jeff George's shooting.

But the offense makes no difference when the defense is undersized, and the Falcons have shown nothing to indicate they've rectified that situation.

Then there's Carolina, the expansion team.

It has around 40 players whose names aren't unfamiliar, led by quarterback Frank Reich, the longtime Buffalo backup. But almost all are flawed or aged, like 36-year-old Sam Mills, the former New Orleans star who will lead the defense from his linebacker spot.

In fact, the best players may be rookies and instant starters at tough positions – left tackle Blake Brockermeyer and cornerback Tyrone Poole.

PREDICTIONS: EAST – Dallas; CENTRAL – Chicago; WEST – San Francisco. WILD CARDS – New York, Detroit, Minnesota. NFC Champion – San Francisco.



LOOKING FOR BLOCKERS – Cowboys' Emmitt Smith needs help from a problematic offensive line.

Dolphins, Steelers, Raiders rule in AFC

AFC EAST

NEW YORK (AP) – The stars of the AFC East aren't just in Buffalo and Miami anymore. They've found their way to New England and Middle America. Only the big city, New York, pretty much lacks them.

And with the defection of such mainstays as Darryl Talley, Pete Metzelars and Don Beebe this year, following the likes of Will Wolford, Nate Odomes and Howard Ballard in previous seasons, the Bills hardly are a threat to get into (and, of course, lose) the Super Bowl.

The Dolphins added to their cast of headliners by signing tight end Eric Green and wide receivers Gary Clark and Ricky Sanders, bringing back safety Louis Oliver and trading for defensive end Trace Armstrong and cornerback Terrelll Buckley. It's time to make what could be a final run at the big one for Dan Marino and Don Shula.

So Shula gave Marino more weapons in Green, one of the league's best tight ends when interested; Clark and Sanders, whose best days came as two-thirds of the "'Posse" in Washington, but who are dependable enough to help ease the burden on Irving Fryar (73 receptions, 1,270 yards, both career highs, a 177.4 average and seven touchdowns); and blockers Billy Milner and Andrew Greene, the top two draft choices.

Marino also gets back his regular backfield of Terry Kirby and Keith Byars, both of whom went down with knee injuries in 1994. That left the rushing burden to Bernie Parmalee, who ran for 868 yards as a fill-in.

For once, the Dolphins seem formidable behind Marino. We already know they are strong in front of him to the left with tackle Richmond Webb and guard Keith Sims. But untested center Tim Ruddy replaces departed free agent Jeff Dellenbach.

The front line features 1994 defensive rookie of the year Tim Bowens at tackle and pass-rushing demon Marco Coleman at end. Armstrong should bolster the sacks total.

Miami outlasted New England's late charge last year to win the division. Things shouldn't change much this season.

The Patriots hardly have the Bill Parcells look his New York Giants teams had. New England will win with offense, behind the rapidly developing Drew Bledsoe, who led the league in completions, attempts and yardage in his second pro season. Ben Coates set a record for tight ends with 96 catches and could beat that figure, especially if Vincent Brisby stays healthy.

But the Pats could be undone by depth at receiver and in the backfield on offense. They lost three key players to free agency in Michael Timpson, Kevin Turner and Leroy Thompson, who combined for 191 receptions.

Up front, Dellenbach enhances a line that already has steady tackles Bruce Armstrong and Pat Harlow.

The defense is taking more time for Parcells to develop. The sudden retirement of Todd Collins and injuries to Vincent Brown damaged the inside linebacking. Youngsters Chris Slade, a sack specialist, and 1994 No. 1 pick Willie McGinest have to be ready on the outside.

Indianapolis won't settle for anything less than a playoff berth after an 8-8 finish a year ago. The Colts won three of their last four as their defense got stingy, and that unit could be even better if linebacker-end Trev Alberts contributes after an injury-ravaged rookie season.

The big-play guys on defense are cornerback Ray Buchanan (seven interceptions in as many games after moving from safety) and end Tony Bennett (nine sacks).

Where the Colts figure to make a leap up is with the ball. They were 27th in total offense and 28th and last in passing, which made Marshall Faulk's 1,282 yards and 11 TDs rushing more remarkable.

Now, under new offensive coordinator Lindy Infante, the Colts will be more creative. They brought in underrated quarterback Craig Erickson and a deep threat in Flipper Anderson at wideout. The line is fine and Faulk is fantastic.

Buffalo still has Thurmaan Thomas. But after carrying the ball 2,704 times in seven seasons, taking a beating every year and not having all that much help nowadays, how much can be expected from him?

The Bills are primed for an even bigger fall than they had last season, when they slipped to 7-9. Such stars as Thomas, Bruce Smith, Jim Kelly, Kent Hull and Cornelius Bennett have too much mileage. Only receiver Andre Reed, coming off a team-record 90 receptions, doesn't appear to be sliding.

The New York Jets unloaded their best receiver (Rob Moore), best running back (Johnny Johnson) and most reliable blockers (Dwayne White, Jeff Criswelll and Jim Sweeney) in the offseason. The backfield remains strong with Ronald Moore as the prime runner, and they should have an outstanding tight end duo in top draft choice Kyle Brady and Johnny Mitchell, but the wideouts are as green as the uniforms.

Boomer Esiason is one of the most popular athletes in New York, which means questions about his remaining talent aren't raised very often. But the Jets have continued their late-season fades in his two seasons at quarterback.

Owner Leon Hess brought in Rich Kotite after Kotite was canned as coach in Philadelphia, and gave him a "win now" mandate. Kotite doesn't have a chance of doing that this year.

AFC CENTRAL

In the AFC Central, Pittsburgh is still reeling from last season's AFC Championship loss to San Diego. Even so, there's only one team with as easy a path to the playoffs – the Cleveland Browns, the only real rival they have in what is now a five-team division.

The other two holdovers, Houston and Cincinnati, won five games between them last season. The fifth team is the expansion Jacksonville Jaguars, who weren't going to be much good anyway and who may enter the season exhausted from the regimen that coach Tom Coughlin is putting them through.

Last year, the Browns and Steelers met three times, twice in the regular season and again in the semifinals of the AFC playoffs. The two victories gave the Steelers (12-4) the division title over the Browns (11-5), and the third sent them on to their ill-fated meeting with San Diego.

The Steelers' strength is its defense, despite the loss of coordinator Dom Capers, who became the head coach of Carolina. They'll also be without cornerback Deon Figures, out until mid-October because of an off-season accident.

In the defensive backfield, cornerback Rod Woodson is more than enough, especially combined with safeties Carnell Lake and Darren Perry and Lloyd, Kevin Greene, Chad Brown and Levon Kirkland at linebacker.

The question, as usual, is quarterback Neil O'Donnell and tight end, where Eric Green departed for Miami. But Green was a problem for the Steelers – a player whose potential was only occasionally realized.

Cleveland has solid receivers. The question is more the thrower, Vinny Testaverde, who was sidelined during training camp by a staph infection.

Testaverde also may have the most explosive group of receivers east of Oakland – Andre Rison joining Michael Jackson and second-year-man Derrick Alexander, although Alexander's two drops in the playoff game helped send the Steelers on the way to a 29-9 win.

Testaverde completed 207 of 377 passes for 16 touchdowns and 2,575 yards last season. He threw 18 interceptions, a little more than half of what he had in 1988 for Tampa, when his 35 set an NFL record.

The rest of the division is playing for the future.

Cincinnati, 3-13 last year, may have found a quarterback late in the season when it discovered Jeff Blake, who combined with Carl Pickens and Darnay Scott to provide some explosive offense. David Klingler, whom Blake replaced, also is having a good camp.

This year, the Bengals traded up for No. 1 and got Ki-Jana Carter, but he likely will miss the entire season due to a knee injury. The offensive line is so full of questions that Carter's health was in danger the minute he was drafted.

Houston has Jeff Fisher, 37, the second youngest coach (to Dave Shula) in the NFL. But Fisher, who took over from Jack Pardee after the 10th game last year, went 1-5 as the Oilers finished 2-14.

He starts fresh this season with the remnants of a team that made the playoffs for seven straight seasons before last year's collapse.

Then there's Jacksonville, where the main attraction is the coach, Tom Coughlin, a Bill Parcells disciple who's run one of the toughest training camps in recent NFL history.

Steve Beuerlein, who was supposed to be the quarterback, is being challenged for his starting job by Mark Brunell, obtained in a trade with the Packers. But Tony Boselli, the No. 2 pick in the draft, will miss the first part of the season with a knee injury sustained in training camp.

The rest of the team is a sprinkling of competent veterans like defensive end Jeff Lageman, a lot of youth, and other people's failures, like WR Desmond Howard, a bust in Washington.

AFC WEST

Before last season in the AFC West, the San Diego Chargers were considered a middle-of-the-pack team. So they went to the Super Bowl where they were embarrassed by San Francisco.

This year, however, the division is wide open.

Denver has shored up its defense, the Raiders have gotten a lift by moving back to Oakland – and the Chargers are still seeking to prove themselves.

The Raiders, last year's consensus choice to win the AFC title, never quite recovered from a 44-14 loss in San Francisco the opening Monday night and finished 9-7, out of the playoffs. Al Davis fired Art Shell and hired Mike White, a coach-in-waiting for more than a decade.

They may have added the running back they needed in Napoleon Kaufman, its first-round draft choice. But they'll still live on the vertical passing game – Jeff Hostetler to Tim Brown, James Jett and Rocket Ismail, although Jett and Ismail have been spotty.

The defense should be improved after a year adjusting to the retirement of Howie Long. If Chester McGlockton, the massive tackle, keeps his weight down, he could be a disruptive force and Rob Fredrickson, the No. 1 choice last year, looks like a future linebacking star.

Like the Raiders, the Broncos started slowly last season, losing their first four games and ending up 7-9. As with the Raiders, the coach got fired – Wade Phillips was replaced by Mike Shanahan.

This year they got defenders – linemen Michael Dean Perry and James Jones from the Browns and cornerback Lionel Washington from the Raiders to turn one of the NFL's least physical defense into a head-banging unit. But Perry carries a hefty price tag and has a bad ankle that keeps him out of practice.

And John Elway is still shooting aces.

Is there anything wrong with the Chargers? A lot, ranging from Natrone Means's holdout to an injury that will keep cornerback Darrien Gordon out until November, to the off-season death of linebacker David Griggs in an auto accident.

Stan Humphries gave them not only performance at quarterback but also grit; Means is one of the league's better power running backs and Ronnie Harmon is the perfect receiving-speed changeup.

The defense is anchored by Junior Seau and Leslie O'Neal, one of the better pass rushers in the league over the last decade.

But the secondary is questionable, particularly with Gordon out with a shoulder injury and Stanley Richard defected to Washington. And the receivers – Mark Seay, Shawn Jefferson and Tony Martin – are decidedly ordinary.

Kansas City was ordinary last year, even with Montana pulling out a 9-7 record and playoff berth.

Montana's retirement is indicative of the state of the Chiefs – one reason he left is that he didn't think the team was capable of challenging for a conference title. The job goes to Steve Bono, his longtime stand-in with the 49ers and the Chiefs.

The Chiefs have too many holes and too much strife – a not-too-private feud between coach Marty Schottenheimer and general manager Carl Peterson – for the Chiefs to be a serious contender.

And then there's Seattle, which has had more misfortune in the past year than most teams have in a decade.

The Seahawks, with Dennis Erickson in from Miami to coach, have enough good young players, led by quarterback Rick Mirer, running back Chris Warren and defensive tackle Cortez Kennedy.

PREDICTION: EAST – Miami; CENTRAL – Pittsburgh; WEST – Oakland. WILD CARDS – New England, Cleveland, Denver. AFC Champion – Oakland.

Seles blasts into 4th round

NEW YORK (AP) – With her left knee encased in a black brace, Monica Seles surged into the fourth round of the US Open yesterday by trouncing Japan's Yone Kamio 6-1, 6-1.

Earlier, Boris Becker pounded his way into the fourth round, defeating Australian Jason Stoltenberg 6-2, 4-6, 6-0, 6-4.

Becker's victory, coming on the heels of a runnerup finish at Wimbledon, is a turnaround from a year ago when the 1989 US Open winner was a first-round loser.

Kimiko Date rallied to beat Florencia Labat of Argentina 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

In other matches, No. 16 Brenda Schultz-McCarthy of the Netherlands downed Mexico's Angelica Gavaldon 6-2, 7-5; No. 11 Anke Huber stopped Russian Elena Makarova 2-6, 6-3, 6-1; Zina Garrison Jackson defeated Nicole Arendt 6-0, 7-6 (7-3), and Katarina Studenikova of Slovakia defeated Italy's Natalia Bandone 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

In men's singles, Jared Palmer ended the run of Armenian and US college champion Sargis Sargsian with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 victory and Daniel Vacek of the Czech Republic ousted Venezuela's Nicolas Pereira 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2, 7-6 (7-3).

The second-seeded Seles needed only 54 minutes to dispatch her opponent, banging out 18 winners to go along with her 21 unforced errors. Seles dominated her first meeting with Kamio, who has reached a career-best third round at the US Open, Australian Open and Wimbledon.

FRIDAY'S PLAY

Pete Sampras' revenge took the form of 16 aces that made the crowd gasp and overhead smashes that ricocheted off the court into the seats.

Revenge for Sampras against Jaime Yzaga was a 6-1, 6-4, 6-3 romp in 92 minutes, two hours less than the ordeal the Peruvian put the two-time champion through a year ago when he ousted Sampras in the fourth round.

This time, Sampras dominated Yzaga, beating him from the baseline and at the net and slamming serves upwards of 120 mph.

A Grand Slam season that began so spectacularly for Pierce, who broke through for her first major title in Australia, ended abruptly in the third round when Amy Frazier beat the No. 6 seed 6-3, 7-6(8-6).



HAPPY TALK – Amy Frazier returns a backhand in her upset win over Mary Pierce. (AP)

Pierce sank under the weight of 46 unforced errors, more than double her 21 winners, and she let Frazier float virtually unperturbed toward to victory. In eight previous Opens, Frazier had gotten as far as the third round only in 1988.

When Pierce slapped the last ball long, then slugged a second ball in frustration deep into the stands, she looked as glum and stunned as she did when she lost in the fourth round of the French Open and the second at Wimbledon.

THURSDAY'S PLAY

Andre Agassi played his worst match of the past year against an inspired opponent in a second-round shocker that came perilously close to toppling the US Open defending champion.

Overpowering the ball, rushing the net wildly and double-faulting like a hacker on key points, Agassi dug himself into a hole, got furious with himself and somehow crawled out with a 5-7, 6-3, 5-7, 6-0, 6-2 victory over Alex Corretja of Spain.

What Agassi and the crowd may remember most about this match will be the backward, over-the-head shot he drilled off a lob in the last game of his fourth-set sweep and the forehand he ripped on the final point that Corretja chased futilely before collapsing with leg cramps.

But what Agassi would no doubt like to forget is how he double-faulted two straight times to lose a first set filled with his 21 errors, how he started the third set with six errors to fall behind a break, and how he kept brazenly slugging balls with no purpose or rhythm.

"I didn't feel great about a lot of that stuff out there tonight," said Agassi, explaining why he slammed a water bottle to the court after the match. "I was just ticked off. It was 11 o'clock at night. I shouldn't be out there like that.

Betar shines in Toto Cup

DEREK FATTAL

THE third round of the Toto Cup produced plenty of incident over the weekend, with the National League taking a break for the upcoming international fixture against Slovakia.

Bet Jerusalem 2, Maccabi Herzliya 1

The home crowd at Teddy Stadium was treated to another exciting late victory, as the Jerusalemites hit an 89th-minute winner with just 10 men on the field. Goalkeeper Yitzhak Kornfein was sent to an early bath after bringing down an opponent outside the area.

Kornfein's dismissal came just three minutes after Maccabi had levelled through Yaniv Cohen's 78th-minute goal.

Yaron Druri's winner for Betar restored justice to the scoreline after the hosts had dominated the game, and continued to encourage optimism in the capital that this year could mark a turn in Betar's fortunes.

Bnei Yehuda 1, Maccabi Haifa 4

Maccabi Haifa's performance will have created some extra homework for the scout from Sporting Lisbon.

With most of the first team tied up at the national squad's training camp for the Slovakia game, the Green machine was still able to function smoothly at the Hatikva Quarter.

Nesach Massuoi gave the hosts the lead, but the Haifaites responded with a four-goal deluge – two from the boot of Ofer Shetreet with Alon Mizrahi and Haim Silvas adding.

Ironi Rishon Lezion 2, Mac Tel Aviv 1

The League champions surprisingly came unstuck after Meir Melika had brought a smile to the face of Tel Aviv coach Dror Kashtan in the opening half.

Rishon's scoring pair Nissam Keptah and Vayislav Melnikov wiped it off after the resumption, in a match that suggested that Maccabi was still suffering from the Grashopper blues.

The victory keeps Rishon top of the Group 1 qualifying section with nine points from three matches.

Hap Beit She'an 5, Hap Tel Aviv 0

The repeated cheers saluting Beit She'an's five-goal demolition job probably awoke anyone trying to take a siesta in town. The shots that counted all came from the home side's trio of foreigners. The result indicates that things are far from well for the Tel Aviv reds.

Zafririm Holon 2, Maccabi Jaffa 2

This match turned into a battle between Jaffa's Avi Zohar and Holon's Assaf Toubi.

Zohar twice gave Maccabi the lead, only for Toubi to bring his side back to level terms each time.

Hapoel Petah Tikva 3, Hapoel Haifa 0

The Petah Tikvans had the match wrapped up before half time, with a double-goal blast from Alon Maya and one from Eli Arbanel.

This defeat for Haifa follows last week's disappointment against Betar Jerusalem. On this showing, Haifa coach Avraham Grant needs to take immediate action to ensure that the confidence of his talented side does not plummet like it did last year after a shaky start to the season.

In the other two matches, current trophy-holder Maccabi Petah Tikva was held to a 0-0 draw by Hapoel Kfar Sava. Hapoel Beersheba was in uninspiring mood as they produced the same scoreline away to Betar Tel Aviv.

In the second division's section of the competition, the most notable result was in the Raman Gan derby, in which Hakoach outwitted Hapoel 2-0.

Halfon doubtful for Slovakia

PROBLEMS continue to surround national squad coach Shlomo Scharf's preparations for Wednesday's crucial qualifying match against Slovakia in Group 1 of the European Championship.

Left back Felix Halfon was injured in a training match over the weekend and there are doubts he will recover before the squad leaves Israel tomorrow.

Over the weekend the National coach again stressed that his men were capable of meeting the challenge. In an interview on Israel Radio, Scharf said, "We have a good side. Provided we play sensibly and avoid making unecessary mistakes, we can return home victorious. The players know how to read the Group table as well as anyone and they know what they have to do." *DF*

TOTO CUP
NATIONAL LEAGUE

Hap. PT	3	Hap. Haifa	0
Rishon Lezion	2	Mac. TA	1
Bet. Jerusalem	2	Mac. Herzliya	1
Bnei Yehuda	1	Mac. Haifa	4
Zafririm Holon	2	Mac. Jaffa	2
Bet. Tel Aviv	0	Hap. Beersheba	0
Mac. PT	0	Hap. Kfar Sava	0
Hap. Beit She'an	5	Hap. TA	0

SECOND DIVISION

Hap. Jerusalem	1	Mac. Yavne	0
Mac. Netanya	2	Hap. Talpa	2
Kiryat Shmona	2	Shimshon TA	3
Ironi Ashdod	2	Kiryat Gat	0
Mac. Acre	2	Hap. Hadera	3
Hakoah RG	2	Hap. Ramat Gan	0
Kfar Shalem	0	Nes Ziona	0
Hap. Ashdod	2	Hap. Bat Yam	1

Arad wins and runs

HEATHER CHAIT

ISRAEL'S Olympic silver medalist Yael Arad won her first-round fight yesterday at the German Open Championships in Rosenheim, winning by ippon in just 30 seconds. Immediately following her victory, she left the tournament.

Fighting in the 61-kilogram class, Arad won easily against Germany's Tanya Kisling.

Her coach, Dani Leopold explained in a telephone conversation from Germany, "I took Yael out of the competition because she has a knee problem. This is not a new injury and we knew before leaving Israel that she would fight just one round."

On Arad's chances in the world championships later this month in Chiba, Japan – where she needs an eighth-place finish to qualify for the Atlanta Olympics, Leopold said, "Yael knows her body and mind are ready for the world championships. Today she did what she had to and won her fight with no problem."

In other results yesterday, Oren Smadja (78kg) won his first two contests by ippon but lost the third to Germany's Stephan Dott.

Shirli Regev lost her first-round fight in the 66kg class, while Arik Ze'evi (86kg) was 3-2 for the tournament, finishing in eighth place.

Millwall stays atop Division 1

LONDON (AP) – Millwall remained the only unbeaten team in England's First Division with a 1-0 victory Saturday at Portsmouth, and preseason favorites Wolverhampton continued to struggle with a 1-0 loss at Leicester.

There were no games in either the English or Scottish premier leagues.

The team of the day was Birmingham with a 5-0 win at Barnsley, and the player of the day was Alex Mathie, who notched a hat trick in Ipswich's 3-0 win at Sunderland to move atop the scoring race in the First Division with six goals in five games.

At the other end of the tables, Sheffield United lost its fifth game in five tries, this time falling 3-1 at West Bromwich Albion.

Millwall's Kerry Dixon scored his third goal of the season in the 17th minute to give Millwall its fourth win in five matches to go with a draw for 13 points.

The winning goal for Millwall came after German Uwe Fuchs' shot was saved by Portsmouth keeper Alan Knight with Dixon kicking in the rebound.

Leicester's victory over slow-staring Wolverhampton moved it into a four-way tie for second place with 10 points, joined by Charlton, Ipswich and Norwich.

Charlton defeated Huddersfield 2-1, and Norwich was a 2-1 winner over Port Vale.

Leicester got the winner from Mike Whitlow in the 27th minute. Whitlow scored off a Garry Parker cross that Whitlow hooked into the roof of the net.

The loss leaves Wolverhampton, headed by former England manager Graham Taylor and favorites to win the league, with only one win in five games and with only five points – eight behind Millwall.

Ipswich has only Alex Mathie to thank for its 3-0 win at Sunderland.

Mathie pushed Ipswich into a 36th minute lead with a left-foot drive from 22 yards, and then made it 2-0 in the 42nd minutes on a rebound of his own shot that was initially stopped by goalie Alec Chamberlain.

Mathie completed his hat trick in the 55th to take the First Division scoring lead.

DIVISION ONE: Barnsley 0, Birmingham 5; Charlton 2, Huddersfield 1; Crystal Palace v Tranmere ppd; Grimsby 0, Watford 0; Ipswich 3, Sunderland 0; Leicester 1, Wolverhampton 0; Luton 1, Derby 2; Norwich 2, Port Vale 1; Portsmouth 0, Millwall 1; Stoke 0, Oldham 1; West Bromwich 3, Sheffield United 1; Southend 0, Reading 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwall	5	4	1	0	6	2	13
Leicester	5	3	1	1	10	7	10
Ipswich	5	3	1	1	9	4	10
Charlton	5	3	1	1	8	5	10
Norwich	5	3	1	1	8	6	10
Birmingham	5	3	0	2	14	9	9
Barnsley	5	3	0	2	10	13	9
Oldham	5	3	0	2	8	5	9
West Bromwich	5	2	2	1	6	4	8
Tranmere	4	2	1	1	8	5	7
Crystal Palace	4	2	1	1	8	7	7
Huddersfield	5	2	0	3	7	10	6
Reading	5	1	3	1	5	5	6
Grimsby	5	1	3	1	4	4	6
Wolverhampton	5	1	2	2	6	6	5
Derby	5	1	2	2	5	8	5
Luton	5	1	2	2	4	6	5
Southend	5	1	2	2	4	6	5
Sunderland	5	1	2	2	4	6	5
Port Vale	5	1	2	2	3	4	5
Portsmouth	5	1	1	3	7	9	4
Watford	5	1	1	3	5	7	4
Stoke	5	1	1	3	5	9	4
Sheffield United	5	0	0	5	5	12	0

DIVISION TWO: Bournemouth 2, Rotherham 1; Bradford 0, Wycombe 4; Brentford 0, Swindon 2; Brighton 1, Notts County 0; Bristol Rovers 1, Wrexham 2; Burnley v Walsall ppd; Chesterfield 0, Hull 0; Peterborough 1, Bristol City 1; Shrewsbury 0, Blackpool 2; Stockport 1, Crewe 1; Swansea 1, Carlisle 1;

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Swindon	5	4	1	0	8	1	13
Blackpool	5	3	1	1	8	4	10
Bournemouth	5	3	1	1	8	4	10
Bradford	5	3	1	1	6	5	10
Swansea	5	2	2	1	9	8	8
Bristol Rovers	5	2	2	1	7	6	8
Crewe	4	2	2	0	6	4	8
Stockport	5	2	2	1	5	2	8
Wycombe	5	2	1	2	8	6	7
Chesterfield	5	2	1	2	7	5	7
Notts County	5	2	1	2	4	4	7
Brentford	5	2	1	2	4	5	7
Burnley	4	2	1	1	3	2	7
Wrexham	5	1	3	1	5	6	6
Brighton	5	1	2	2	4	6	5
Bristol City	4	1	2	1	4	6	5
Oxford United	4	1	2	1	3	9	5
Hull	5	1	2	2	3	4	5
Peterborough	5	1	1	3	5	8	4
Walsall	4	1	1	2	3	4	4
Rotherham	5	0	3	2	6	8	3
Shrewsbury	5	1	0	4	6	11	3
Carlisle	5	0	2	3	4	9	2
York	4	0	1	3	5	10	1

DIVISION THREE: Barnet 3, Lincoln 1; Bury 0, Plymouth 5; Chester 2, Hereford 1; Darlington 0, Cardiff 1; Doncaster 1, Hartlepool 0; Exeter 1, Scunthorpe 0; Gillingham 0, Colchester 1; Leyton Orient 1, Fulham 0; Preston 3, Cambridge 3; Rochdale 1, Northampton 2; Scarborough 0, Wigan 0; Torquay 1, Mansfield 1.

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Gillingham	5	4	0	1	10	2	12
Doncaster	5	3	2	0	4	1	11
Northampton	5	3	1	1	11	7	10
Chester	5	3	1	1	9	5	10
Colchester	5	3	1	1	8	5	10
Exeter	5	3	1	1	4	1	10
Fulham	5	2	2	1	11	8	8
Camb United	5	2	2	1	10	10	8
Wigan	5	2	2	1	5	5	8
Leyton Orient	5	2	2	1	4	3	8
Hereford	5	2	1	2	11	9	7
Rochdale	5	2	1	2	9	6	7
Preston	5	1	3	1	7	6	6
Bury	5	1	2	2	6	13	5
Cardiff	5	1	2	2	4	5	5
Scarborough	5	1	2	2	4	6	5
Darlington	5	1	2	2	3	4	5
Scunthorpe	5	1	1	3	6	7	4
Mansfield	5	0	4	1	6	8	4
Barnet	5	1	1	3	5	10	4
Lincoln	5	1	1	3	5	12	4
Torquay	5	1	1	3	3	8	4
Hartlepool	5	1	1	3	2	8	4
Plymouth	5	1	0	4	7	8	3
Altrincham	5	0	2	3	3	6	2

Israel finishes 4th in volleyball

FUKUOKA, Japan (AP) – South Korea notched its 10th gold medal at the World University Games yesterday after beating Spain 13-15, 17-15, 9-15, 15-7, 15-13 in a 2½-hour men's volleyball final. Italy beat Israel 15-7, 15-10 for the bronze medal.

Japan regained the gold medals lead by winning the soccer final after the Americans had gone ahead briefly by trouncing the Japanese in basketball.

For Japan, Yasuyuki Watanabe delighted his hometown spectators by taking the lead on the last lap and winning the men's 10,000-meter run. Then the Japanese shut out archrival South Korea 2-0 for the soccer gold.

That gave Japan a total of 22 golds to 21 for the Americans, who have led off and on over the last few days. The Americans still were ahead 63 to 61 in total medals, and missed one in decathlon by one point when Aric Long fell from the lead to fourth by being about one-tenth of a second too slow in the last event, a 1,500-meter run.

The US won its fourth consecutive men's basketball gold medal by drubbing Japan 141-81.

Joseph Hoffman, Sports Editor

NatWest final succumbs to bad weather

LONDON (Reuter) – Northamptonshire faces an uphill struggle to win cricket's NatWest Trophy final after rain and bad light curtailed the 60-over contest with Warwickshire at Lord's yesterday.

Allan Lamb's side could only struggle to 197 for eight in 58.3 overs after winning the toss, boosted by an unbroken eighth-wicket stand of 39 in seven overs between Russell Warren and Jeremy Snape.

Lamb was out for a third-ball duck on what might be his last big occasion at Lord's, the 41-year-old former England batsman having already announced he will give up the Northants captaincy at the end of this summer.

Rob Bailey (44) and Kevin Curran (30) shaped some sort of recovery, but overall the Warwickshire bowlers exerted a tight control and their fielders, notably Zimbabwean Trevor Penney, backed them up superbly.

South African paceman Allan Donald finished the day with figures of three for 31, but the rain meant Warwickshire will be forced to begin their reply early on Sunday morning when batting may not be easy.

Score: Northamptonshire 197-8 in 58.3 overs (R.Bailey 44, R.Warren 41 not out; A.Donald 3-31) v Warwickshire.

Riley squabble settled for $1m, top draft pick

NEW YORK (AP) – The Pat Riley tampering case ended when the New York Knicks received $1 million and a first-round draft pick from the Miami Heat for allowing the Heat to pursue hiring Riley.

The Knicks will receive the Heat's 1996 first-round draft pick previously acquired from the Atlanta Hawks. According to Knicks president David Checketts, if the pick is in the top five, Atlanta will retain the pick, and the Knicks will get it the following season. That also will be true if the choice is in the top five in succeeding seasons.

Tribe wins 9th straight

DETROIT (AP) – Jim Thome and Sandy Alomar homered in a five-run fourth and Albert Belle hit a grand slam in the eighth as the Cleveland Indians beat the Tigers 14-4 Friday for their season-high ninth straight.

Thome and Belle each scored three times. Alvaro Espinoza matched his career-high with four of Cleveland's 21 hits off five pitchers.

The loss was the third straight for the Tigers, who have also dropped nine of 11 and 16 of 21.

Detroit led 4-0 after three innings before Cleveland needed just five batters to erase the deficit in the fourth against Jose Lima (1-7).

Thome hit the first pitch into the upper right-center field bleachers for his 22nd homer. After Belle was hit by a pitch, Murray singled and Belle scored on Ramirez's single. Alomar then hit a three-run homer.

Belle's fifth career grand slam was his 34th homer of the season.

Mariners 4, Orioles 3

Joey Cora hit a rare home run and Dan Wilson also homered as Baltimore lost its sixth straight at home.

Cal Ripken, who played in his 2,126th straight game and is on course to break Lou Gehrig's record on Wednesday, went 2-for-4 with two doubles and an RBI.

The win was Seattle's sixth in eight games.

Red Sox 11, Angels 3

Roger Clemens pitched his seventh straight strong game and visiting California took its season-high seventh straight loss.

Clemens, who was 3-3 with a 5.81 ERA before his surge, is 4-1 with a 2.22 ERA since it began. He struck out nine, walked two and improved his record to 7-4. He gave up 10 hits in 7⅔ innings.

The Red Sox tied their season high with 18 hits, including four by Tim Naehring, and three each by Mo Vaughn and John Valentin. Vaughn scored three runs and Naehring drove in three.

Yankees 8, Athletics 7

Mike Stanley's bases-loaded infield single in the bottom of the eighth gave New York the victory.

Paul O'Neill doubled with one out in the eighth against Mike Mohler (1-1). Don Wengert, the fourth Oakland pitcher, issued two walks to fill the bases with two outs. Stanley's hard one-hopper was batted down by third baseman Craig Paquette who could not hold it.

Mariano Rivera (5-2) was the winner in relief, while John Wetteland earned his 24th save.

New York has won five of six after losing nine straight, while Oakland had a three-game winning streak broken.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cardinals 5, Rockies 4

Ray Lankford's eighth-inning home run tied the score and Bernard Gilkey's single snapped it as the Cardinals won at home.

The Cardinals have taken four in row over the Rockies, including a sweep last weekend in Denver. St. Louis also has won 10 of its last 14.

FRIDAY'S AL RESULTS:
Chicago 5, Toronto 3
Seattle 4, Baltimore 3
Minnesota 9, Milwaukee 5
Kansas City 5, Texas 2
Cleveland 14 Detroit 4
New York 8, Oakland 7
Boston 11, California 3

THURSDAY'S AL RESULTS:
Chicago 9, Detroit 0
Cleveland 6, Toronto 4 (10)
Seattle 11, Boston 2
New York 11, California 6
Kansas City 7, Milwaukee 6
Oakland 8, Baltimore 7

FRIDAY'S NL RESULTS:
Cincinnati 7, Pittsburgh 1
St. Louis 5, Colorado 4
Chicago 7, Atlanta 5
Houston 7, Florida 3
San Diego 6, Philadelphia 3
San Francisco 6, New York 5
Montreal 6, Los Angeles 5

THURSDAY'S NL RESULTS:
Philadelphia 6, San Francisco 0
Montreal 5, San Diego 4 (10)
Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 4 (10)
Atlanta 5, Houston 2
Chicago 12, Florida 3
Los Angeles 6, New York 5

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	72	45	.615	–
New York	68	59	.486	14
Baltimore	64	63	.462	18
Toronto	48	67	.422	22.5
Detroit	47	69	.405	24.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	81	35	.698	–
Kansas City	69	56	.513	21.5
Milwaukee	58	59	.496	23.5
Chicago	51	64	.443	29.5
Minnesota	43	72	.374	37.5

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	67	61	.568	–
Seattle	60	57	.513	6.5
Texas	59	59	.504	7.5
Oakland	58	61	.487	8.5

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	73	43	.629	–
Philadelphia	60	58	.508	14
Montreal	57	60	.487	16.5
Florida	52	63	.452	20.5
New York	51	65	.440	22

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	73	43	.629	–
Houston	60	57	.513	13.5
Chicago	59	59	.504	14.5
St. Louis	50	67	.427	22.5
Pittsburgh	49	68	.419	24.5

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	61	57	.517	–
Colorado	60	57	.513	.5
San Diego	57	59	.491	3
San Francisco	55	62	.470	5.5

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New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ industrials	4647.54	+36.98
DJ Transpon	1912.49	+11.6
DJ Uals	203.68	+1.31
DJ Comp	1669.32	+11.2
NYSE Indust	381.4	+2.58
NYSE Transport	289.83	-3.74
NYSE Comp	303.29	+1.23
S&P 100	532.89	+2.37
S&P Spot Index	563.84	+1.96
AMEX Comp	535.68	+1.2

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements	812	1332	841
Volume up (in 1000's)			150640
Volume down (in 1000's)			74719

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	3910	+0
Tokyo Nikkei average	18120.7	+3.5
Singapore all-share index	813.55	+0
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	9196.47	+0
Israel Index	157.02	+2.23

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX		
Am Is Pac	52.875	0
Ampal A	6.5	-0.1875
Anyl	1.28125	+0.09375
BioTechnology	2.96875	-0.0625
Clarnmi Cord	14	-0.125
Frutarom (telecommerg)	3.8125	0
Elscint	2.875	+0.125
Ese Lavud	9	-0.375
Ese Lavud A	8.125	+0.375
Lasser T	10.25	+0.375
PEC	25.25	-0.375
Tadiran	22.875	-0.125
NASDAQ / over-the-counter		
AG Associates	30.75	+0.25
Aladdin	18.5	-0.125
Accent	14	-0.25
4TH Dimension	8.375	-0.125
BVR	8.375	+0.5
Converse	21.5	+1.5
Dats (Delamed)	10.75	-0.25
DSP Comm	25	-0.5
ECI	20.4375	-0.1875
Equisitec	7.5	+0
Essi-Soft	8	-0.125
Electric Fuel	6.625	+0.375
EPPI	58.8125	-0.3125
Etol	22.875	+0.375
Efron	11.5625	0
Ested Robotec	1	+0.0625
M Systems	4.625	0
Galil	25.5	+0.125
ISG	9.375	+0.5
Geotek	7.875	+0.0625
Health Tech	1.625	0
Idan	0.3125	-0.03125
IIS	2.9375	-0.1875
Indigo	30.75	+0
Isramco	0.59375	-0.0625
First Isr Fund	12	+0.125
Isras	0.25	0
Lannet	25.125	-0.375
Lanoptics	15.8125	-0.1875
Magal	3.875	+0
Medis-El	1.25	0
Mercury	21.75	+0
Magic	8.5	-0.25
Opal	19.25	+0
Orbotech	11.9375	-0.1875
Orsap Tech	2.875	+0
Pharmos	1.75	-0.125
Rada	5.625	+0.125
Scitex	20.375	+0
Silicom	2.5	0
T.A.T. Technol	3.5	-0.125
Taro Vit	7.375	+0
Teledata	9.5	+0
Telegraph	1.625	0
Tower Semicond	31.125	+0
Teva	38.875	+1
TVG	1	0

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INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.5572	+0.0077
	Sep future (CME)	1.5562	+0.005
D-mark:	spot	1.4525	-0.0045
	Sep future (CME)	0.6837	+0.0018
S-franc:	spot	1.1969	-0.005
	Sep future (CME)	0.8364	+0.0039
Yen:	spot	97.43	+0.14
	Sep future (CME)	0.010265	-0.00015
CanDlr:	spot	1.344	+0.0008
	Sep future (CME)	0.744	-0.0006
AusDlr:	spot	0.752	+0.0015
	Sep future (CME)	0.75	+0.0012
F-franc:	spot	5.0-438	-0.0021
It Lira:	spot	1619	-5
Nkg:	spot	1.8382	-0.0049
AusSnkg:	spot	10.305	-0.02
Rand:	spot	3.655	0
ECU:	spot	1.2781	+0.0002
Bonds	future	112.563	+0.40625
S and P	future	564.95	+2.1

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		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	5.675	0
Dollar	6 months	5.9062	0
Dollar	12 months	5.9375	0
Sterling	3 months	6.8125	0
Sterling	6 months	6.9375	0
Sterling	12 months	7	0
S-franc	3 months	2.875	0
S-franc	6 months	2.875	0
S-franc	12 months	2.9375	0
D-mark	3 months	4.3125	0
D-mark	6 months	4.3125	0
D-mark	12 months	4.3125	0
Yen	3 months	0.6875	0
Yen	6 months	0.6875	0
Yen	12 months	0.75	0

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (CEC)	1322	+7
Coffee (Sep) (CEC)	147.65	+1.25
Sugar no.11 (Oct) (CEC)	10.97	+0.11
Wheat (Sep) (CBOT)	447.25	-2
Orange juice (Sep)(CEC)	111.8	-3.45
Crude oil light (Oct)(CEC)	18.04	+0.2

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (LCE)	908	+9
Coffee (Sep) (LCE)	2731	-8
Wheat (Sep)(LCE)	113.65	-0.5
Brent crude oil (Oct)(IPE)	1643	+19

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold:	spot	380.8	-1.7
Silver	spot	5.32	-0.03

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Aug)	381.4	0
Silver (Sep)	5.371	-0.04
Platinum (Oct)	438.6	+0.3
Palladium (Sep.)	146.25	+0.6
High-grade copper (Sept	1.334	+0.006

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	381.8	+0.15
Gold PM fix	381.5	-0.85
Silver fix	534.5	+2.1
Platinum PM fix	429	-1.25

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date

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Upswing for Dow

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks followed bonds sharply higher Friday, as investors sifted through several economic reports and decided that an interest-rate cut was possible.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks rose 36.98 to 4,647.54. Long-term bonds closed up nearly $5 per $1,000 face value in a shortened pre-holiday trading session. US financial markets will be closed tomorrow, Labor Day.

"There is a growing confidence that the economy is holding together and that the Fed has done a good job of keeping inflation down, and that they will continue to do so even if they need to cut interest rates again," said Alfred Goldman of A.G. Edwards and Sons Inc. brokerage in St. Louis.

Advancing issues led decliners by about 4 to 3 on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume was light ahead of the holiday. Broad-market indexes lagged blue chips but managed some gains, as technology stocks turned in a mixed performance.

The market started the day slightly lower, after the Labor Department reported a surprising 0.1% drop in the nation's unemployment rate in August, to 5.6%.

The jobs number showed surprising strength in the economy and disappointed bond and stock investors, who worried that it could reduce the chances that the Federal Reserve would lower interest rates this month to bolster the economy.

But not all the day's news discouraged an easing. The Commerce Department's Index of Leading Economic Indicators, the government's key economic forecaster, fell 0.2 percent in July. And the National Association of Purchasing Managers said its index of economic activity dropped to 46.9% in August from 50.5% in July. The NAPM's prices and employment index also declined, suggesting that the Fed has room to ease after all, without stirring inflation.

Advancing issues led decliners by about 11 to 7 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,344 up, 856 down and 790 unchanged. Big Board volume totaled 255.72 million shares at the close vs. 300.9 million in the previous session. The NYSE's composite index rose 1.23 to 303.23. Standard and Poor's 500-stock index rose 1.96 to 563.84. The Nasdaq composite index fell 0.60 to 1,019.51.

UK shares up

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) – UK equities finished sharply higher, lifted by a strong Wall Street and firm bond markets. The FTSE is expected to test its all-time highs in the near-term after breaking through 3,500, dealers and analysts said. The FTSE 100 index finished 31.6 points firmer at 3,509.4, down 15.5 from last Friday.

FRANKFURT – German stocks closed floor trade lower after holding steady most of the session in minimal trading volumes. The DAX index ended down 5.22 points at 2,233.09, a fall of 16.18 from seven days ago. In post-bourse trade the DAX index ended as 2,242.76.

PARIS – French shares ended mixed after a volatile session that began with rumours – quickly denied – that two more ministers were resigning in addition to Finance Minister Alain Madelin, who quit last Friday.

The CAC-40 ended down 1.70 at 1,881.69, a fall of 56.12 on the week.

Dollar goes mostly lower

CURRENCY REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) – The American dollar was mostly lower in flat, pre-holiday trading Friday in a market disappointed by long-awaited data that failed to indicate a clear direction for the US economy.

However, the dollar edged up against the yen as Japanese officials continued their plans to spur foreign investment. In late New York trading, the dollar fetched 97.55 yen, up from 97.34 yen late Thursday. The dollar fell to 1.4638 German marks in New York, from 1.4677 marks.

The British pound was quoted at $1.5535, up from $1.5520 late Thursday.

Gold closed in London at $381.00 per ounce, down from the closing price of $382.25. Silver traded in London at $5.32 a troy ounce, up from $5.31.

Merger mania in bank stocks

WALL STREET WEEK

NEW YORK (AP) – Banking stocks got a boost this past week when Chemical Banking Corp. and Chase Manhattan Corp., long rumored to be courting, agreed to tie the knot.

The proposed $10 billion deal, which needs shareholder and government approval, is perhaps the flashiest in a string of bank mergers and acquisitions.

"Investors are very much warmed to the notion that this (consolidation) is an ongoing event," said James J. McDermott Jr., president of the New York investment banking firm Keefe Bruyette and Woods.

As of Friday morning, Keefe's index of 24 banking stocks was up 3.4% for the week, 6% for August and 36% for the year. That compares with a 24% gain in the Dow Jones industrial average. Bank stocks are relatively cheap, McDermott said, trading at an average of 9 times projected earnings compared with about 15 times for stocks in the Standard and Poor's 500 composite.

Despite vast oversupply of banking services in some areas, including New York City, "the operating environment is benign for banks," he said, adding that interest rates are stable and "balance sheets are as clean as they've been in 30 years."

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Pound sterling	4.5764	4.7519	4.59	4.82	4.7234
French franc	0.5966	0.6063	0.58	0.62	0.6026
Japanese yen (100)	3.0910	3.1409	3.03	3.19	3.1219
Dutch florin	1.8337	1.8633	1.80	1.89	1.8521
Swiss franc	2.5062	2.5467	2.46	2.59	2.5314
Swedish krona	0.4116	0.4183	0.40	0.43	0.4159
Norwegian krone	0.4699	0.4775	0.46	0.49	0.4744
Danish krone	0.5290	0.5376	0.51	0.55	0.5344
Finnish mark	0.6876	0.6989	0.67	0.71	0.6910
Canadian dollar	2.2441	2.2803	2.20	2.32	2.2867
Australian dollar	2.2592	2.2957	2.22	2.33	2.2819
S. African rand	0.8244	0.8377	0.74	0.84	0.8327
Belgian franc (10)	0.9969	1.0151	0.98	1.03	1.0089
Austrian schilling (10)	2.9209	2.9681	2.87	3.01	2.9513
Italian lira (1000)	1.8523	1.8822	1.82	1.91	1.8677
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.12	4.41	4.3073
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.86	0.93	0.9474
ECU	3.8447	3.9068	—	—	3.8826
Irish punt	4.7816	4.8588	4.69	4.93	4.8298
Spanish peseta (100)	2.3996	2.4384	2.35	2.48	2.4241

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

NEW YORK

Name	Price	chg
AMP Inc	41.25	+0.625
AMR Corp	70.875	+0.375
ASA	42.625	-0.25
Abbott Labs	39.5	-0.25
Acme Cleveland	25	+0.25
Advanced Micro	33.75	+0
Aetna Life	69.375	+1 1/2
Affiliated Publ	8	+0
Aflac	40.75	0 1/2
Ahmanson (H F)	23.75	+0
Air Prods	54	+0.375
Alberto-Culv B	26.125	-0.375
Albertson's	32.125	+0.25
Alcan Aluminium	32.75	+0 1/2
Alco Standard	60.375	-0.125
Alex & Alex	22.75	-0.375
Alleghany Power	24.25	-0.125
Allied Signal	45.375	+1
Alcoa	98.875	-0.25
Amax	35.875	-0.25
Amdahl Corp	9	-0.125
Amerada Hess	49.5	+2.125
Amer Brands	42.5	+0.5
Amer El Power	34.125	-0
Amer Express	40.75	+0.375
Amer Gen Corp	34.875	-0.375
Amer Greeting	30.625	-0.125
Amer Home Pr	77	+0
Amer Int'l	80.75	+0 1/2
Amer Nat Ins	58.25	+0.875
Amer Stores	39.5	+0 1/2
Amer T & T	56	-0.625
Ameritech	60.375	-0.875
Ametek Inc	17.5	+0
Amoco	64.625	+0.875
Analog Devices	33.875	-0.75
Anheuser-Busch	57.375	+0.25
Aon Corp	39.875	-0.125
Apple Computer	42.5625	-0.0625
Archer Daniels	16.625	+0
Armco	6.25	+0
Armstrong World	57.75	+0.375
Asarco	35.125	-0.25
Ashland Oil	32.25	+0.5
AST Research	13.3125	+0.0625
Atlantic Richfld	111.5	+2.375
Auto Data Pro	68	+1
Autodesk	45.25	-0.875
Avery Dennison	40.375	-0.25
Avnet Inc	62.375	+0.875
Avon Products	70.25	-0.375
Bairnco Corp	5	+0
Baker Hughes	23.25	+0.75
Ball Corp	34.25	+0.25
Bally	12.125	+0
Baltimore Gas	28.25	+0
Banc One Corp	34	+0.375
Bandag	80	+0.625
BankAmerica	56.375	-0.25
Bank of Boston	43.875	-0.125
Bank of New Yk	44.125	+0.625
Bankers Tst NY	69.25	+0.25
Barnett Banks	57.625	+0.625
Battle Mount Gd	9.875	+0
Bausch & Lomb	40.125	+0.375
Baxter Int	38.75	-0.25
Bectan Dickinson	57.375	+1
Bell Atlantic	58.875	-0.625
Bell Industries	21.5	+0.375
BellSouth	69.25	+0.5
HA Belo Corp	35.875	+0.75
Benalicisd Corp	48.75	+0.625
Bethlehem Steel	14.875	+0.25
Beverly Enprs	13.25	-0.125
Bemet	16.6875	+0.5625
Black & Decker	32.25	-0.125
Boeing	65.375	+1.375
Boise Cascade	43	+0 1/2
Bowater Inc	47.75	+0
Briggs & Strtn	37.75	-0 1/2
Bristl Myrs Sqb	68.375	-0.375
Brit Airwys ADR	26.5	+0.25
BP ADR	52.375	+2.25
Brit Steel ADR	28.125	+0.125
Brit Telecom	63.5	+0.75
Broadway Stores	7.125	+0.25
Brooklyn Union	25	-0.125
Brown Group	18	-0.25
Brown & Sharpe	9	0
Browning Ferris	33.625	+0.5
Brunswick	20.125	+0
Burlington Nthn	71.125	+2.25
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CBS Inc	79.875	+0.125
CMS Energy Corp	24.625	+0
CPC Intern	62.375	+0
CSX Corporation	64.125	+1.625
Cabot Corp	46.875	+0.75
Campbell Soup	45.875	+0.125
Capital Cts ABC	114.75	-0.25
Carolina Pwr Lt	31	+0.375
Carpenter Tech	73.5	-0.75
Caterpillar	68.375	+1.25
Centerior Energy	10.5	-0.25
Centex Corp	29.5	+0.25
Central & SW	24.625	-0.125
Cerdian	43.75	+0
Champion Int	57.25	+0.625
Charig Shoppers	9	-0.25
Chase Manhattan	57.25	-0.25
Chemical Bkg	58	-0.25
Chevron Corp	49.125	+0.75
Cheyenne Shares	20.625	+0
Chiquita Brands	15.5	-0.25
Chrysler	54.625	+0.875
Chubb Corp	91.625	+0.375
Cincorp	66.375	+0
Cincosters	39.25	+0
Cinctel Cists	45.375	+0.125
Citicrp	67.875	+0.25
Coastal Corp	33.625	+0.875
Coca Cola	64.125	-0.125
Coca Cola Ent	23	-0.125
Colgate Palmolv	68.5	+0.5
Comcast Corp A	21.125	+0.25
Compaq	46.875	-0.875
Compute Ass Int	68	-1
Computer Sci	60.25	+0
Conagra	37.75	-0.25
Cons Edison	28.25	+0
Cons Freightways	26	+0.125
Cons Nat Gas	39.625	+1
Cons Rail	63.375	+1.125
Cooper Inds	38.25	+0.25
Coors (Adolph)	17.125	+0.125
Corning Inc	32.125	+0.5
Crane	35.75	+0
Crey Research	23.375	+0.125
Crown Cork Seal	44.75	-0.25
Cummins Engine	33.625	+0.5
Curtiss-Wright	43.875	0 1/2
Cypress Semicon	45.75	+0.625
Cypress Mineral	28	+0
DSC Commun	52.875	+0.375
DQE	24	+0.125
Dana Corp	31	+1.125
Data General	9.75	+0
Dayton Hudson	74.75	+1.625
De Beers	25.5313	+0.15625
Deere	77	+1.375
Delm Pwr & L	21.75	+0
Delta Air Lines	74.375	+0
Deluxe Corp	31.25	+0
Detroit Edison	30.75	+0
Dial Corp Del	29.875	+0.375
Diebold Inc	46.5	-0.125
Digital Equip	43	+1.25
Dillard Dep Sr	30.875	+0
Disney (Walt)	58	-0.25
Dominion Res	38	-0.125
Donelley (RR)	38.125	+0.125
Dover Corp	60.125	+0.375
Dow Chemicals	74.625	+0.625
Dow Jones	36	-0.625
Dresser	25	+1
Duke Power	40.625	+0
Dun & Bradst	58	+0.125
Du Pont	66.375	+1
E G & G Corp	19	+0
Eastern Ents	30.875	+0.25
Eastman Kodak	57.5	-0.25
Eaton Corp	54.25	+0.125
Echlin Inc	34.875	+0.375
Emerson Elec	72.375	+1
Engelhard Corp	27.625	+0.75
Enron Corp	34.375	+0.75
Ensearch Corp	16.5	+0.125
Entergy Corp	24.125	+0
Envri Corp	10.875	+0
Exxon	69.75	+1
FMC Corp	77.25	+0.25
FPL Group	38.75	-0.125
Fedders Corp		
Federal Express	71.75	+0
Federal Mogul	22.375	+0.125
Fed Nat Mtge	95.5	+0.125
Federal Pcr Bd	40.25	+0.625
Fieldcrest Can	23.75	-0.125
First Bank Sys	48.875	+0.25
First Chicago	63.5	+0.125
Fst Fid Bcorp	65.5	-0.125
First Interst	98.5	+1
Fruit of the Loom	29.625	+0.125
Fst Mississippi	31.5	-0.625
Fst Union Rity	77.5	+0
Fleet Fin Grp	37.25	+0.25
Fleetwd Enterp	20	+0.375
Fleming Cos Ok	20.25	+0.125
Florida Prog	30.375	+0
Fluor Corp	57.5	+1
Food Lion Inc	5.6875	+0.0625
Ford Motor	31.25	+0.5
Foster Wheeler	36.625	+0.25
Freeport McMor	5.875	+0.25
Gannon Toys	8.125	+0
GATX Corp	62.625	+1
Geico Corp	68.25	+1
GTE Corp	38.875	+0.25
Gannett	54	+0.5
Gap Inc Del	30.625	+0.375
Gencorp	11.75	-0.125
Gen Am Invest	20.625	+0
Gen Dynamics	53	-0.375
Gen Electric	58.75	-0.125
Gen Mills	51.375	-0.25
Gen Motors	46.5	+1.375
Gen Motors E	46.5	+0
Gen Motors H	43	+0.125
Gen Public Ut	28.75	+0.125
Gen Reinsurnce	148	-0.625
Gen Signal	35.75	-0.25
Genuine Parts	39.625	+0.125
Georgia Pac	90.5	+0.5
Gillette	42	+0.25
Glaxo ADR	23.875	+0.125
Golden W Fnl	47.125	-0.625
Goodrich (BF)	60.125	+0.625
Goodyear Tire	40.375	+0.375
Grace (W&R)	67.625	+1
Grainger (WW)	59.625	+0.125
Grt Atl Pac Tea	28.375	+0
Grt Western Fnl	23.125	-0.25
Halliburton	44.75	+2.375
Hanna (MA)	28.125	+0.125
Harcourt	41.75	+0.125
Harley Davidson	27.5	-0.25
Harnischfeger	36.875	+0.125
Harris Corp	58	+0.75
Hasco Corp	58.25	+0.25
Hartmax	8.25	-0.25
Hasbro	32.625	+0.125
Heclo Mining	11.25	-0.25
Heinz (H-I)	42.625	+0.25
Hmrch & Payne	29.625	+1
Hercules	56.25	+0.625
Hershey Foods	80	+0
Hewlett Packard	78.375	-1.625
Hilton Hotels	86	-0.5
Home Depot	40	+0
Homestake	18.25	-0.25
Honeywell	43.375	-0.375
Horizal (Geo)	24.25	+0.125
Household Int	58.125	+0
Houston Inds	42.625	+0 1/2
Humana	18.25	+0
IBM	102.75	-0.625
Illinois Corp	25.25	+0.125
Illinois Tool	61.625	+0.375
INCO	35.25	+0.25
Ingersoll Rand	39.5	+1.625
Inland Steel	27.125	-0.25
Intel Corp	99.875	+0.5
Intergraph	12.5	+0.125
Interlake	2.5	+0
Intl Fmly Enrg	18.375	+0.25
Intl Flav & Fr	47.875	+0.125
Intl Multifoods	23.375	-0.125
Int Colin Enrgy	5.375	+0
Intl Paper	82.5	+0.625
Interpublic	38.625	-0.25
ITT Corp	120	+0.375
James River Ba	34.75	+0
Jefferson Pil	62.625	-0.25
Johnson & J	58.75	-0.25
K Mart	14	+0.375
Kellogg	67.25	-0.25
Kennametal	39.125	+1.125
Kerr-McGee	55.625	+0.625
KeyCorp	21	+0
Kimberly-Clark	64.875	+1
King World Prod	38.5	-0.5
Knight Ridder	56.625	+0.375
Krogar	33	+0.375
LSI Logic	46.5	-0.75
Leggett & Platt	48.5	+0.125
Lauzaska Nat	53.25	+0
Lilly (Eli)	81.75	-0.125
Limited Inc	16.875	+0.375
LIN Broadcasting	128.375	-0.125
Lincoln Nat	43.25	-0.25
Litton	39.75	+1
Liz Claiborne	23.125	+0.375
Lockheed Corp	62.125	+1.25
Loews Corp	132.625	+1.25
Lone Star	24	+0.625
Long Island Lt	17.25	+0.25
Longs Drug Strs	35.5	-0.5
Lotal Corp	56.625	+0.875
Lotus Dev Corp		
Louisiana Land	39.25	+1
Louisiana Pacif	24.625	+0.875
Lowe's Co Inc	33.5	+0.25
Lubrizol	31.25	+0.25
MA Comm Inc		
MCI Commun	24.625	+0.5625
Manor Care	32.75	+0.375
Manville Corp	14.75	+0
Magnox Inc	53.75	+0.375
Marion Merrell		
Marriott	35.25	-0.25
Marsh & McLn	82.75	+0.375
Martin Marietta	157	+0.5
Marvel	14.25	-0.125
Masco Corp	28.375	-0.375
Massmutual Corp	33.375	-0.125
Mattel Inc	29	+0
Maxus Energy	9	-0.125
May Dept St	42.875	+0.5
Maytag Corp	15.625	+0.125
McDermott	29.25	+0.5
McDonalds	36.625	+0.125
McDonnell Dglas	80.25	+0
McGraw Hill	79.375	+0.625
McKesson Corp	43.125	-0.375
Mead Corp	62.25	+0.875
Medtronic	95.125	+0.875
Mellon Bk	48.875	-0.5
Melville Corp	33.5	+0.125
Mentor Graphics	19	+0.25
Mercantile Stre	46.25	+0.375
Merck Inc	50.25	+0.375
Meridian Corp	39.125	-0.125
Merrill Lynch	59.125	-0.5
Microsoft Corp	89.75	-2.75
Millipore	35.625	-0.75
Mine Safety App	53	0
Minnesota Mng	54.375	-0.25
Mitchell Energy	17.5	+0
Mobil Corp	97.25	+2
Molex Inc	40	+0.5
Monarch Machi	14.375	+0
Monsanto	96.5	+1 1/2
Morgan (JP)	74.875	+2
Morrison-Knuden	8	+0.25
Morton Intl	33	+0.5
Motorola Inc	74.5	-0.125
Multimedia Inc	42.5	+0
Murphy Oil	41	+0.5
Nacco Inds	58	+0.5
Nalco Chemical	34.5	-0.5
Nashua Corp	18	+0.125
Nat City Corp	30	+0.25
Natl Semi	29.25	+1
Natl Serv Ind	23.125	-0.125
NatWest Bank	54.75	+0.375
Navistar Int	13	+0
NBD Bancorp	35.875	+0.125
New England El	35	+0
Nemo Corp	86	-0.5
NY State El Gas	24	-0.125
NY Times A	25.125	+0.125
Newmont Mining	43.375	-0.125
Nicg Montesvk	11.125	-0.375
Nike Inc	92.5	-0.125
NL Industries	15.75	+0.125
Noble Affil	28.875	+1.25
Nordstrom	41.375	-0.125
Norfolk Southrn	73.125	+2.375
Northeast Util	22.625	-0.25
Nthn State Pwr	42.75	+0.125
Northrop	61.125	+0.25
Norwest Corp	30.375	+0.25
Nynex Corp	49.125	+0.125
Occidental Pet	22.375	+0.625
Ogden Corp	23.5	+0.25
Ohio Casualty	33.25	+0
Ohio Edison	22.375	-0.125
Olin Corp	64.5	-0.125
Omnicom Group	63	+0.25
Oneok Inc	22.125	+0.25
Oracle Systems	39.25	+0.875
Orx Energy Co	14.25	+0.75
Oshkosh B'gosh	17.5	-0.25
Outboard Marine	21.125	+0.25
Overseas Ship	21	+0.125
Owens Corning	39.25	+0
Owens Corning	39.25	+0
PHH Group	43.625	+0
PNC Financial	26.5	+0.25
PPG Industries	43.25	+0.25
Pacific Inc	49.5	+0.75
Pacificorp	18.25	+0.125
Pac Enterprises	24.125	+0.125
Pac Gas & Elect	29	+0.25
Pac Telesis	28.625	+0.25
Pall Corp	22.125	+0.25
Penn Eastern	25.875	+0.75
Parker Drilling	6.375	+0.75
Parker Hannifin	40.125	+0.5
Penney(JC)	45.25	+1
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	22.125	+0.25
Pennzoil	45.25	+1.25
People's Energy	27.25	+0
Pepsico	45.5	+0.25
Perkin Elmer	33.875	-0.25
Petrie Stores	4	+0.125
Pfizer	69	-1.375
Phelps Dodge	60	-0.625
Philadel Elec	26.75	+0.125
Philip Morris	74.625	+0
Phillips Pet	33.75	+0.875
Pioneer Hi Bred	43.125	+0.125
Pitney Bowes	40.625	+0
Policy Mgt Sys	50.375	+0.875
Potash Corp	57	+0.125
Potomac El Pwr	21.375	+0
Procter & Gamble	69.375	+0
Pub Svc Enterpr	27.75	+0.25
Pug Snd Pwr	21.5	-0.125
Quaker Oats	34.875	-0
Quantum	49.875	+1.125
Quanex Corp	23.75	-0.125
RJR Nabisco	28.5	+0
Ralston Purina	62	+0
Rank Organ

CRITIC'S CHOICE

TELEVISION

RUTH KERN

IT has already become routine, but when *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* – courtesy of cable's NBC Superchannel – first started popping up in our living rooms, the sensation was distinctly weird. Here we were, half-way around the globe, being bombarded with Judge Ito jokes only hours after someone in Des Moines had laughed or groaned at them. This nearly instant, unbrokered entree into the American zeitgeist both erases and reinforces the sense of psychic distance.

Then again, the problem could just be Leno himself, a once moderately amusing stand-up comedian who seems to have gotten lost inside his role as genial host to the electronic nation.

Acerbic, sly, slightly contemptuous *Late Night* host David Letterman probably would travel better. His off-the-wall shticks are more conceptual, funnier and certainly hipper. Although very much a creature of television, he gives the impression of someone who may have actually read a few books.

Unfortunately, the only glimpse local audiences have had of Letterman so far was as emcee of this year's Oscars, a role not well suited to his subversive style.

Tonight at 10:35, Channel 2 is bringing us a welcome fix of Letterman, in the form of a prime-time special – original broadcast date unspecified. Leaving his usual New York base for Los Angeles, Dave will sell McDonald's burgers, play golf and interview people in their homes about the Winter Olympics. Guests will include Paul Newman, Zsa Zsa Gabor and Barry White.

If the show still leaves you hankering after Jay, he'll be back on Superchannel, Tuesday at 10 p.m.



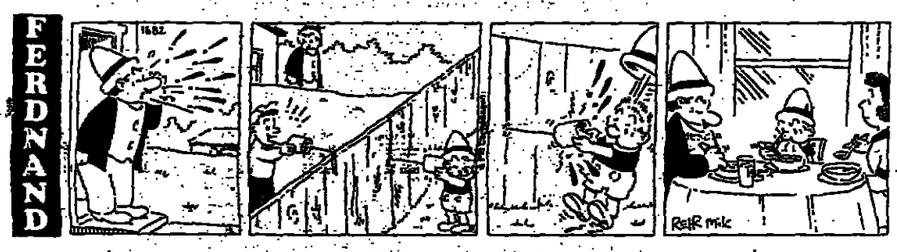
Dr. Chaffee tries to get through to Jill McGee's son David, the only one of the children to show any capacity for human emotion in 'Village of the Damned.'

FILMS

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★ **FRENCH KISS** – Meg Ryan may have the clearest eyes in Hollywood, and their semi-precious, all-American blue manages to turn the fairy-tale outline of Lawrence Kasdan's film into a fanciful possibility. If we have doubts about the movie's plausibility, the actress matches them one for one. With her strawberry lip gloss and mussed elfin hairdo, she looks like she can't quite believe that this far-flung scenario is unfolding around her. She keeps blinking extra hard to be sure. All of which is to say that Ryan brings *French Kiss* the slaphappy charm that's been missing from the season's other romantic comedies. Kevin Kline co-stars, as a slippery French con man. A little shifty, a little sweet, he plays weasel to her bunny rabbit. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

★★ **VILLAGE OF THE DAMNED** – Based on a 1960 thriller of the same name, John Carpenter's picture is a neatly rendered and surprisingly entertaining suburban satire. For a director whose previous credits include gross-out classics like *Halloween* and *The Thing*, the movie also seems quite restrained. It centers on a pack of evil, extraterrestrial children born in a small California town: with matching silver-white hair, button noses and mean little lips, these kids are a hilarious antidote to maternal fantasies of the perfect blond child. They're like a whole race of bad seeds. *Village of the Damned* will certainly not appeal to everyone, but those with a taste for fin-de-millennium pop-culture curios should find it very amusing. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)



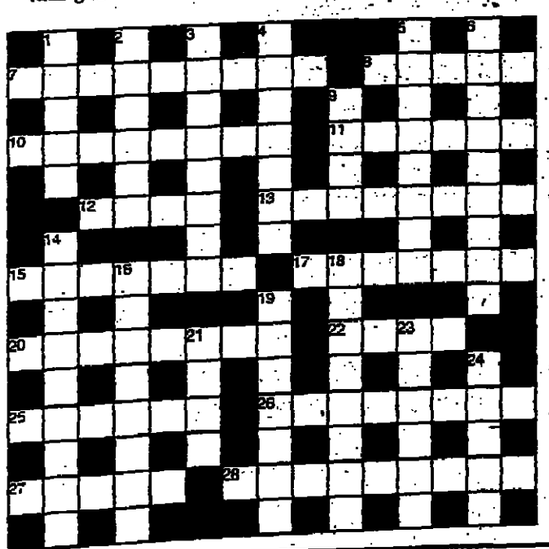
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

7 Game to have a drink after the dance (9)
8 Street light to go off (5)
10 Hip seams split by stress (8)
11 Business fixed in minutes (6)
12 One dish that may be settled (4)
13 Acts as a superintendent abroad, we hear (8)
15 Staff of office? (7)
17 He has the publicity consultant as his boss (4,3)
20 Bridge champion gets a hiding (8)
22 A really ill-considered break-out (4)
25 Softer sort of wood (6)
26 Man rises above it (5,3)
27 Scared of a blow? (5)
28 A dog hunts? This sort does (9)

DOWN

1 Writer writing odes, perhaps (5)
2 Complaint about Ma's hat (6)
3 The appeal of the cricket match (4,4)
4 Cut, doctor is cross (7)
5 Made much of being under tension (8)
6 Deal with objection to moustache (9)
9 Mother gets about on a horse (4)
14 My! Chopin's remarkably harmonious (9)
16 Intimation to end union trouble (8)
18 Returns from work (8)
19 "I" gets so used by them (7)
21 I turn to a trifle (4)
23 It includes forms of fish, perhaps (6)
24 Be on a wild binge (5)



SOLUTIONS

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Quick Solution

ACROSS: 7 Spoken, 8 Ingest, 10 Article, 11 Pride, 12 Evil, 13 Super, 17 Write, 18 Oxen, 22 Dream, 25 Opinion, 24 Estate, 25 Career.

DOWN: 1 Escaped, 2 Contain, 3 Beach, 4 Snapped, 5 Merit, 6 Steer, 9 Reduction, 14 Promote, 15 Excited, 16 Ensnare, 19 Adder, 20 Death, 21 Final.

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Internal (5)
4 Reason (5)
10 Murmur (7)
11 Din (5)
12 Sea (5)
13 Copy (7)
15 Fete (4)
17 Change (5)
19 Correct (5)
22 Detail (4)
25 Rust (7)
27 Tranquillity (5)
29 Wan (5)
30 Surfeit (7)
31 Viper (5)
32 Idleness (5)

DOWN

2 Artless (5)
3 Erase (7)
5 Boredom (5)
6 Edible plant (7)
7 Faint (5)
8 Track (5)
9 Cut (5)
14 Female horse (4)
16 Parched (4)
18 Staggered (7)
20 Endanger (7)
21 Fragment (5)
23 Tent (5)
24 Thick (5)
26 Snow leopard (5)
28 Distribute (5)

TELEVISION

■ CHANNEL 1

6:30 News 6:45 Cartoons 7:00 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 New anthropological series 8:30 Society 8:55 Reading Comprehension 9:15 Nature 9:25 Young children's programs 10:00 Family relations 10:30 World history 10:50 Science 11:05 English 11:20 Arithmetic 11:40 Judaism 11:55 Life sciences 12:10 Mathematics 12:20 French 12:30 Society 13:00 Charlie Chaplin documentary 13:30 Children's programs

■ CHANNEL 1

15:30 The Smurfs 16:00 Heartbreak High 17:00 A New Evening 17:35 Screen Wonders – youth drama 18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Artists to Be – budding performers make their debut 19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS

19:30 Cinema magazine 20:00 Mabat 21:00 The House of Eliott – part 7 21:55 World Soccer 22:45 Mirror Language 23:30 News magazine

■ CHANNEL 2

13:00 Byrds of Paradise – new drama series 14:00 Flying Doctors 15:00 The Flintstones – Stone-age humor is back in Israel 15:35 Paradise Beach 16:05 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 Reshet at Five 17:30 Power Video – Music on 2 18:00 Señora 19:00 Princess Daisy – miniseries based on the Judith Krantz novel. Starring Merete Van Kamp and Lindsay Wagner 20:00 News 20:30 Wheel of Fortune 21:05 Ephraim's Troubles 21:35 Preview of Channel 2's new programs 22:35 David Letterman's prime time special 23:30 Nightwatch – interviews 00:00 News 00:05 A Small Place 00:30 1900 (1977) – Epic account of Italy's history in the first half of the twentieth century as seen through the eyes of an aristocrat and farmer – part 1 (311 mins in total)

■ JORDAN TV

13:00 The Flintstones 13:30 The Mighty Jungle – comedy 14:00 Pugwall Summer 14:30 Time Riders 15:00 Families 16:00 French programs 18:35 Cinema, Cinema 19:00 Nurses 19:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 20:15 Strathblair 21:00 News in English 21:25 Shadows of the Heart 23:00 Return to Eden – part 1 23:30 Keeping Up Appearances – comedy

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

13:00 Benny Hinn 13:10 John Osteen 14:00 In Touch 15:00 Foundations of a Happy Family 15:30 The Switch – A quadriplegic fights the law to regain control of his life 17:10 Christy 18:00 48 hours 19:00 CNN Headline News 20:00 NBA Action Show 20:30 NBA 22:30 Answers 23:00 The Switch

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CABLE

■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Roxanne 8:00 One Life to Live 9:45 The Young and the Restless 10:30 Perfect Strangers 10:55 The Wonder Years 11:25 Celeste 12:10 Neighbors 12:35 Perry Mason 13:30 To be announced 14:05 St. Elsewhere 14:55 Roxanne 15:40 Melrose Place 16:30 Neighbors 16:55 Antonella 17:45 Israeli clips 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and The Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Celeste 20:50 ER 21:40 The Stand 22:30 The Commish 23:20 Seinfeld 23:45 ENG 00:35 Law and Order 1:25 Dangerous Curves

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 Something About Amelia (1984) – drama about a father who sexually abuses his daughter. Starring Ted Danson and Glenn Close (94 mins) 12:10 Bird of Paradise (1932) – a white explorer marries the daughter of a South Sea island chief and the gods show their disapproval. Directed by King Vidor (82 mins) 13:30 E! TV 14:20 Ruby and Rata (1990) – (rpt) 16:05 Svengali (1983) – drama starring Peter O'Toole as an aging musician who turns a young rock singer (Jody Foster) into a star (93 mins) 17:45 Fergie and Andrew (1992) – the story of how Britain's Prince Andrew met, fell in love with, married and divorced red-headed Sarah Ferguson (89 mins) 19:20 Eddie and the Cruisers (1983) – Ellen Barkin plays a TV reporter trying to piece together the life of sixties rock star Eddie Wilson who committed suicide at the peak of his career. With Tom Berenger and Michael Pare. Directed by Martin Davidson (90 mins) 20:50 What's New at the Movies 21:00 Repossessed (1990) – *Exorcist* spoof starring Linda Blair as an ordinary housewife who was possessed by an evil spirit as a child and who finds herself yet again in need of the exorcist (Leslie Nielsen). Written and directed by Bob Logan (80 mins) 22:25 Plain Clothes (1988) – suspense comedy about a young cop who goes undercover at a high school to prove his younger brother innocent of murdering a teacher. Starring Arliss Howard, Suzy Amis, George Wendt and Diane Ladd. Directed by Martha Coolidge 00:10 Double Impact (1991) – (rpt) 1:55 The Casualties of Love (1993) – drama based on the Amy Fisher story (rpt)

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 9:00 Detective Boogie 9:40 Benjamin Bluemchen 10:00 Mighty Max 10:35 Ocean Girl 11:00 Beverly Hills 90210 11:45 Class of 96 12:30 Surprise Garden 13:30 Feivel 14:10 The Real Story 14:30 Mighty Max 15:05 Back to the Future 16:00 The A Team 17:00 The Black Stallion 17:30 Surprise Garden 18:30 Detective Boogie 19:10 Benjamin Bluemchen 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:30 Growing Pains 20:55 Step by Step 21:20 Cheers 21:50 Clips

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Celeste (1981) – beautifully filmed account of the relationship between Marcel Proust and his faithful housekeeper Celeste. Starring Jurgen Arndt and Eva Mattes. Directed by Percy Adlon (101 mins) 23:45 I'll See You in My Dreams (1952) – Musical bio-flic of songwriter Gus Kahn, directed by Michael Curtiz and starring Danny Thomas and Doris Day (105 mins)

■ DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University: Art and Culture 12:00 Equinox 13:30 Wild South 14:00 Open University (rpt of morning's program) 16:00 Equinox 17:30 Wild South 18:00 Open University (rpt of morning's programs) 20:00 Game War 21:00 Survival 21:30 Nature on Track 22:00 Beyond 2000 22:45 Game War 23:45 Open University (rpt of morning's programs)

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Day to Day 17:00 Sage of the Ages 18:00 The Seventh Column 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Telekesef bulletin 19:35 NBA magazine – Inside Stuff 20:05 Detective series 21:00 Mabat 22:00 Telekessef 22:30 Sons and Lovers – part 3

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Full House – Comedy 16:00 Doing Business (rpt) 16:30 Spirited Talks (rpt) 18:00 Keep Fit 18:15 The Young Riders 19:00 Zombit 19:30 More Zombit 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subtitles) 20:30 Lubbock's Ten Sons – comedy series 21:00 The Third Man (1949) – Graham Greene's story of mysterious Harry Lime in post WWII Vienna starring Orson Welles and Joseph Cotten. Director: Carol Reed (104 mins)

■ SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 Weekly Business 6:30 NBC News 7:00 Strictly Business 7:30 Weekly Business 8:00 ITN News 8:30 International Business View 9:00 Weekly Business 9:30 Strictly Business 10:00 NBC News Magazine 11:00 Supershop 12:00 Ushuaia 13:00 Entertainment X-Press 13:30 Holiday Destinations 14:00 Today 15:00 Meet the Press 16:00 The McLaughlin Group 16:30 Europe 2000 17:00 Hoop it Up 17:30 X Kulture 18:00 Horse racing 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Holiday Destinations 20:00 Videofashion 20:30 Frontal 21:30 Talkin Jazz 22:00 ITN News 22:30 Golf 00:30 NBC News

■ STAR PLUS

7:00 Quantum 7:30 India Business Week 8:00 Whose Line is it Anyway? 8:30 Kriket! 9:30 Best Sellers Miniseries: Celebrity (part 3 of 3) 11:30 The Love Boat 12:30 World Around Us 13:30 The India Show 14:00 Hooperman 14:30 The Fall Guy 15:30 Holiday 16:00 Quantum 16:30 Man About the House 17:00 And Mother Makes Three 17:30 Beverly Hills 90210 18:30 Picket Fences 19:30 Street Legal 20:30 The Bill 21:30 Star Trek: The Next Generation 22:30 Whose Line is it Anyway 23:00 Evening Shade 23:30 The India Show 00:00 Oprah Winfrey 1:00 Hard Copy

■ CHANNEL 5

7:00 – 8:30 Bodies in motion 16:00 Bodies in motion 16:30 Mad About the Wheel 17:00 South American soccer 18:30 WWF 21:30 Mad About the Wheel 22:00 Invitation games: Premier league soccer 23:00 Brazilian league soccer 00:30 Boxing

■ EUROSPORT

8:30 Canoeing from Nottingham 10:00 Live motorcycling from Italy 10:30 International touring car 11:00 Tractor towing 12:00 Live motorcycling from Italy 15:30 Live cycling from Spain 17:00 Golf 19:00 Ski jumping 20:00 Figure skating 21:00 International touring cars 22:00 Motorcycling 23:00 Live Indycar racing from Vancouver 1:00 Tennis

■ PRIME SPORTS

6:00 US Open tennis, day 6 9:00 Live squash from Hong Kong 11:00 Baseball 12:00 Live Chinese league soccer 14:00 Live motorcycling from Italy 18:00 British touring cars 18:30 Live US Open tennis, day 7 22:00 Live American football: San Diego Chargers vs Oakland Raiders 1:00 Motorcycling

■ BBC WORLD

News on the hour 6:00 BBC World News 6:25 The Late Show 7:25 India Business Report 8:25 World News Week 9:05 Correspondent 10:25 The Late Show 11:25 Time Out: Classic Adventure 12:05 Breakfast With Frost 13:25 The Late Show 14:05 Legacy 15:05 Breakfast With Frost 16:25 Time Out: Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld 17:05 Horizon 18:25 Time Out: Delia Smith's Summer Collection 19:25 The Business 20:25 The Late Show 21:05 The Look 22:25 Time Out: How to Save the Earth 23:25 World Business Report

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL

News throughout the day 6:30 Evans and Novack 6:30 Global View 7:30 Moneyweek 8:30 Inside Asia 9:30 Science and Technology 10:30 Style with Elsa Klensch 11:00 World Report 12:30 World Business Week 13:30 World Sport 14:30 CNN Computer Connection 15:00 Larry King Weekend 16:30 World Sport 17:30 NBA This Week 18:30 Travel Guide 19:30 Moneyweek 20:00 World Report 22:30 Future Watch 23:00 Style with Elsa Klensch 23:30 World Sport 00:00 The World Today

■ SKY NEWS

News on the hour 6:30 CBS 48 Hours 7:00 Sunrise 10:30 Business Sunday 11:00 Sunday with Adam Bolton 11:30 Newsmakers 12:30 The Book Show 13:30 Week in Review 14:30 Beyond 2000 15:30 CBS 48 Hours 16:30 Business Sunday 17:30 Week in Review 19:30 Fashion TV 20:30 The Trial of OJ Simpson 21:30 The Book Show 00:30 CBS Weekend News

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Musical Matinee 9:05 Telemann: Suite in A for violin and strings; Bach: Cantata no 35 "Geist und Seele wird verwirret"; Haydn: Symphony no 53 "La Roxelane;" Mendelssohn: Piano trio in D minor op 49; R. Strauss: Sonata in E flat for violin and piano op 18 (Shaham, Da Silva); Faure: Pelleas et Melisande 12:00 Light Classical – arrangements of works by Russian composers 13:00 Artist of the Week – Alfred Brendel, piano. Schumann: Piano concerto in A minor; Beethoven: "Moonlight" Sonata in F sharp minor; Weber: Concert movement in F minor for piano and orch 14:06 Encore 15:00 From the Record Shelf 16:00 Music for Sunday – Schutz: 2 Motets for choir; Vivaldi: Magnificat; Berlioz: Requiem 18:00 New CDs – Brahms: Quartet for piano and strings in G minor op 25 (Gilels, Amadeus Qt), Ballade op 10 (Gilels); Schumann: Fantasiestücke op 73; Leo Weiner: Sonata no 2 in F sharp minor for violin and piano op 11 20:05 From Our Concert Halls – Israel Philharmonic Orch. cond. Mehta. Donizetti: Lucia di Lammermoor; Schoenberg: Pelleas und Melisande symphonic poem 23:00 Sounds to End the Day

CINEMA

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE Before Sunrise 5, 9:30 ★ Vertigo 7 ★ Applause 9:30 G.G. GIL Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 788448 French Kiss•Batman Forever•Congo•Village of the Damned 5, 7:30, 10 ★ The Madness of King George•Carrington 7:30, 10 ★ Casper•Free Willy 2 7:30, 10 ★ Under the Domim Tree 5, 7:30 ★ Muriel's Wedding 10 JERUSALEM THEATER Eat, Drink, Man, Woman 7, 9:30 ★ Priest 7, 9:30 RAV CHEN 1-7☎ 792799 Credit Card Reservations☎ 794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Die Hard 3 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Pocahontas (English dialogue) 7:30 ★ While You Were Sleeping•Forget Paris•Don Juan 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Pocahontas (Hebrew dialogue) 5 ★ Braveheart 9:30 ★ Judge Dredd 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5, 7:30 ★ Mrs Parker and the Vicious Circle 9:45 ★ Man of the House 5 ★ Bad Boys 7:30, 9:45 ★ Judge Dredd 5, 7:30 SEMADAR Priscilla 7, 11 ★ Queen Margot 9

TEL AVIV
DIZENGOFF Priest 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5, 7:45, 10 ★ Burnt By the Sun 7 ★ Murder in the First Degree 11 a.m., 3, 5 ★ Under the Domim Tree 1 DRIVE IN Pulp Fiction 9:45 GAN HA'IR ☎ 5279215 Priscilla 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 GAT Don Juan de Marco 5, 7:30, 9:45 GORDON The Snapper 8, 10 ★ Citizen Kane 6 HAKOLNOA Death and the Maiden 5, 7:30, 9:45 G.G. HOD 1-4 ☎ 5228090 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Free Willy 2 2, 5 ★ Batman Forever 2 ★ Village of the Damned 2, 5, 7:45, 10 ★ Muriel's Wedding 7:30, 10 ★ Casper 2 ★ Carrington 5, 7:30, 10 LEV 1-4 ☎ 5288288 Leon 2:15, 5 ★ Shawshank Redemption 11:30 a.m., 2, 7:30, 10 ★ Shallow Grave 5, 7:45, 10 ★ The Madness of King George 12 noon, 2:15, 5, 7:45, 10 ★ Lifetimes 11:45 a.m. G.G. PE'ER Batman Forever•Carrington 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Muriel's Wedding•French Kiss•Casper 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:45, 10 RAV-CHEN☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Center Die Hard 3 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ While You Were Sleeping 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Pocahontas (Hebrew dialogue) 5 ★ Judge Dredd 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Bad Boys 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Crimson Tide 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Pulp Fiction 11:30 a.m., 7, 9:45 RAV-OR 1-5 ☎ 5102674* Opera House Braveheart 8:15, 9:30 ★ Forget Paris•Mrs Parker and the Vicious Circle 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Pulp Fiction 4, 7, 9:45 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral 5, 7:30, 9:30 G.G. SHAHAF 1-2 French Kiss•Nobody's Fool 5, 7:30, 10 G.G. TAYELET 1-3 ☎ 5177952 2 Yona Hanavi St. Forrest Gump 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Outbreak•The Browning Version 5, 7:30, 10 G.G. TEL AVIV ☎ 5281181 65 Pinsker St. Batman Forever•Congo•Village of the Damned 5, 7:30, 10 TEL AVIV MUSEUM ☎ 6951297 27 Shaul Hamelekh Boulevard Amateur 5, 8, 10

HAIFA
CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 325755 Shawshank Redemption 7, 9:15 ★ Murder in the First Degree 7:15, 9:30 ATZMON 1-5 ☎ 673003 Priscilla•Village of the Damned•French Kiss 4:30, 7, 9:15 ★ Batman Forever 4:30, 7 ★ Muriel's Wedding 9:30 CINEMA CAFÉ MORIAH ☎ 242477 The Madness of King George 7:30, 9:30 ORLY Eat, Drink, Man, Woman 7, 9:30 PANORAMA 1-3 ☎ 382020 Andre 4:30 ★ Priest•Shallow Grave 7, 9:30 ★ Casper 4:30 ★ Carrington 4:30, 7, 9:30 RAV-GAT 1-2 ☎ 674311 ▫ Bad Boys•Don Juan 4:30, 7, 9:15 RAV-MOR 1-7 ☎ 416999/8 ▫ While You Were Sleeping•Forget Paris 4:45, 7, 9:15 ★ Pocahontas (Hebrew dialogue) 5 ★ Braveheart 9 ★ Judge Dredd 5, 7, 9:15 ★ Man of the House 5, 7 ★ Bad Boys 7, 9:15 ★ Die Hard 3 7, 9:30 ★ Pagemaster 5 RAV-OR 1-3 ☎ 246553 ▫ While You Were Sleeping•Forget Paris 7, 9:15 ★ Pocahontas (Hebrew dialogue)•Pagemaster (Hebrew dialogue) 5 ★ Die Hard 3 9:15 ★ Man of the House 5, 7

ARAD
STAR ☎ 950904 Judge Dredd 7:15, 9:45 ★ Braveheart 6:30, 9:45 ★ While You Were Sleeping 7:15, 9:45

ASHDOD
G.G. GIL While You Were Sleeping 10 ★ Muriel's Wedding•Die Hard 3 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Braveheart 6:15, 9:30 ★ Batman Forever 5, 7:30 ★ Blue Sky 5, 7:30, 10 G.G. ORI 1-3☎ 711223 Pocahontas (English dialogue) 7:30, 10 ★ Judge Dredd 5, 7:30, 10 ★ French Kiss 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Pocahontas (Hebrew dialogue) 5

ASHKELON
G.G. GIL Village of the Damned•Congo 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Muriel's Wedding•French Kiss 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Batman Forever 5, 7:30 ★ Shallow Grave 10 RAV CHEN ☎ 711223 Die Hard 3 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Braveheart 9:30 ★ Forget Paris•Bad Boys•Don Juan 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Pocahontas (Hebrew dialogue) 5, 7:30

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RAV CHEN ☎ 5531077 Die Hard 3 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Forget Paris•Don Juan 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Pocahontas (Hebrew dialogue)•Batman Forever 5 ★ Braveheart 9:30 ★ Judge Dredd 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Bad Boys 7:30, 9:45 ★ Man of the House 5, 7:30 ★ Blue Sky 7:30, 9:45

BEERSHEBA
G.G. GIL Batman Forever 5, 7:30, 10 ★ French Kiss 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Village of the Damned 5, 7:30, 10 ★ The Madness of King George 7:30, 10 RAV-NEGEV 1-4 ☎ 235278 Don Juan•Bad Boys•Forget Paris 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Die Hard 3 7:15, 9:45 ★ Judge Dredd 5

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LEV 1-4 French Kiss 7:30, 10 ★ Pocahontas (Hebrew dialogue) 5:15 ★ Andre 5:15 ★ Judge Dredd 7:30 ★ Shawshank Redemption 9:45 ★ Batman Forever 5, 7:15 ★ Die Hard 3 7:30, 10 ★ Free Willy 2 5:15

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COLONY CINEMA 1-2 (MANDARIN) ☎ 6902666 Blue Sky 7:30, 10 ★ Braveheart 7:30, 9:15 DANIEL HOTEL ☎ 544044 THE AUDITORIUM The Madness of King George 7:30, 9:45 STAR☎ 589068 29 Sokolov St. Batman Forever 7:30 ★ Forget Paris 9:45 ★ Carrington 7:30, 9:45 ★ French Kiss 7:30, 9:45

KARMIEL
CINEMA 1–3 ☎ 887277 Braveheart 5:30, 9 ★ Forget Paris•Before the Sunrise 7, 9:30

KFAR SAVA
G.G. GIL Pagemaster (Hebrew dialogue)•Man of the House•Casper•Free Willy 2 5 ★ Muriel's Wedding 10 ★ Die Hard 3 10 ★ Don Juan•Carrington•Village of the Damned•French Kiss 7:30, 10 ★ Batman Forever 5, 7:30 ★ Pocahontas (English dialogue) 7:30 ★ Pocahontas (Hebrew dialogue) 5 ★ Forget Paris 5, 7:30, 10

KIRYAT BIALIK
G.G. KIRYON 1-3 ☎ 779166 Batman Forever•French Kiss•Die Hard 3•Judge Dredd 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ Free Willy 2•Casper•Power Rangers 4:45 ★ Shallow Grave 7, 9:30 ★ Carrington 7, 9:30 ★ While You Were Sleeping 7, 9:30 ★ Village of the Damned 7, 9:30 ★ 101 Dalmatians 4:45

KIRYAT MALACHI
MOFET☎ 580526 Judge Dredd 7:15, 9:30

KIRYAT SHEMONA
G.G. GIL French Kiss•While You Were Sleeping 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Murder in the First Degree 7:30, 10 ★ Stargate 5

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G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 404729 Batman Forever 5 ★ French Kiss•Village of the Damned 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Carrington 7:30, 10 ★ Die Hard 3 5, 7:30, 10

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OR AKIVA
RAV CHEN Bad Boys•Forget Paris 7:15, 9:30 ★ Braveheart 9 ★ Man of the House 7

OR YEHUDA
G.G. GIL Casper•Pocahontas (Hebrew dialogue) 5 ★ Batman Forever 5, 7:30 ★ Judge Dredd 4:30, 7 ★ Braveheart 9:30 ★ Shallow Grave 10 ★ Muriel's Wedding•Pocahontas (English dialogue) 7:30, 10

PETAH TIKVA
G.G. HECHAL 1-3 ☎ 9300844 French Kiss 5, 7:30, 10 ★ While You Were Sleeping 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Village of the Damned 5, 7:30, 10 G. G. RAM 1-3 ☎ 9340818 Forget Paris•Shallow Grave•Die Hard 3 5, 7:30, 10

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MOFET Under the Domim Tree 7:30, 9:30 PARK Bad Boys•French Kiss•Forget Paris 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Don Juan 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Braveheart 7:15, 10

RAMAT GAN
RAV-GAN 1-4 ☎ 6197121* Pocahontas (Hebrew dialogue)•Man of the House•Pagemaster 5 ★ Forget Paris 7:30, 9:45 ★ Die Hard 3•Mrs Parker and the Vicious Circle 7:15, 9:45 ★ Don Juan 5, 7:30, 9:45 RAV-OASIS 1-3 ☎ 6730687 Braveheart 9:30 ★ Judge Dredd 5, 7:15 ★ Casper 5 ★ Bad Boys 7:30, 9:45 ★ French Kiss 5, 7:30, 9:45

RAMAT HASHARON
KOKHAV ☎ 5491979 While You Were Sleeping 7:30, 9:30

REHOVOT
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Report: Egyptians to present list of IDF men who allegedly murdered POWs

EGYPT has produced a list of names of Israeli officers and soldiers who allegedly murdered defenseless Egyptian soldiers in Sinai in the Sinai Campaign and the Six Day War, according to the London-based Arabic newspaper *Al Khiyat*.

The paper said the list is just part of documents to be presented to Deputy Foreign Minister Eli Dayan during his visit to Egypt this week.

Economics and Planning Minister Yossi Beilin met with Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny on Friday to discuss the matter. Bassiouny asked that Israel launch a wide-ranging investigation of the matter, while Beilin said the Egyptians keep raising new issues to ruin the atmosphere of relations between the two countries.

Bassiouny suggested Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin write Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak about the matter, and Beilin said the two should meet.

According to *Al Khiyat*, sources in Cairo said Egypt would propose to Israel that a commission of inquiry made up of representatives from both countries be established to recommend steps to be taken against those allegedly responsible.

In any event, Egypt insists Israel apologize for the incidents, and government officials plan to erect memorials at the sites where the alleged murders of Egyptian prisoners occurred. If the bilateral pressure fails, Egypt plans to turn to the international community, the paper reported.

The travel editor of the Egyptian newspaper *Al Ahram*, Mohammed Kamal, known as being close to the Egyptian leadership, also mentioned establishing such memorials, and called for setting up one in Sinai "along the lines of the museum to memorialize the Holocaust established by the Jews in Israel to prove their false claims."

Al Gomhuriya, another Egyptian newspaper, also compared the killing of the prisoners to Nazi crimes, and in an editorial called for making the clarification of the episode a condition for reaching true peace in the region.

The rest of the Egyptian press is also still widely reporting the matter. One editorial writer suggested that the killing of the Egyptian prisoners was brought up in Israel now to help the Israeli people forget about its crushing defeat in the Yom Kippur War and to remind the Egyptians of theirs, in 1956 and 1967.

Dayan said over the weekend he would not raise the issue of Israeli prisoners allegedly killed by Egyptian soldiers during the Six Day War and Yom Kippur War.

However, a Foreign Ministry source rejected this approach and said the Egyptians deserved an answer in kind for their allegations. (Itim)

Two held in killing of Sunni cleric

BEIRUT (AP) – Two suspects have been arrested in the killing of a pro-Syrian Sunni Moslem cleric as a hitherto unknown group claimed responsibility for the assassination, which served a blow to post-civil war stability in Lebanon.

Sources close to the Interior Ministry said Friday that the two suspects were Lebanese men. They were apprehended in Beirut hours after Sheik Nizar Halaby was gunned down by masked assassins as he left his home to go to work Thursday morning.

Halaby's 12-year-old son, Bilal, a driver and a bodyguard were wounded in the attack. The attackers fled in a white Mercedes-Benz escorted by a red motorcycle.

The sources, speaking in exchange for strict anonymity, refused to elaborate on the identity of the suspects or say where they were arrested.

The independent Beirut newspaper *an-Nahar said an anonymous* caller claimed Thursday night that the "Usama Kassass Organization was responsible for the assassination of Sheik Halaby."

The caller hung up after the terse remark, refusing to answer any questions about the self-styled group's affiliation and motive.

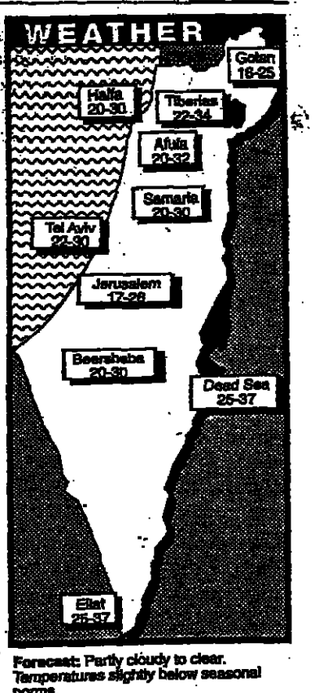
The sources, however, said Kassass may have be an activist of the Moslem Brotherhood, a pan-Arab Moslem extremist group that seeks the establishment of Islamic rule and is banned in Syria and other Arab countries.

The group, which has few affiliates in Lebanon, had gone underground after the Syrian army rolled into Lebanon in 1976 to smother the Lebanese civil war.

Halaby, 43, headed the Islamic Charitable Association, an organization bankrolling the Sunni fundamentalist Habashi group. It was largely funded by Yasser Arafat's PLO in the 1970s. It shifted allegiance to Syria in the early 1990s and steadily grew into an influential political force.

Interior Minister Michel Murr told reporters Thursday that the assassins had fled into an area to which "Lebanese police had no access in the past.

"But we're trying to get in to grab them," he said, without elaborating.



Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear. Temperatures slightly below seasonal norms.

AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW C	LOW F	HIGH C	HIGH F	
Amsterdam	10	50	18	68	cloudy
Berlin	12	54	17	63	cloudy
Buenos Aires	13	55	19	66	clear
Cairo	22	72	33	91	clear
Chicago	12	54	27	80	cloudy
Copenhagen	13	55	18	64	rainy
Frankfurt	13	55	18	64	rain
Geneva	11	52	18	64	pt.cloudy
Helsinki	09	48	18	64	cloudy
Hong Kong	28	70	29	84	cloudy
Jo'burg	09	48	24	75	clear
Lisbon	16	66	32	90	clear
London	16	61	17	63	rain
Los Angeles	24	76	36	96	clear
Madrid	19	66	30	86	pt.cloudy
Montreal	06	46	22	72	clear
Moscow	17	63	24	75	pt.cloudy
New York	20	68	30	86	clear
Paris	14	57	23	73	cloudy
Rome	12	54	24	75	cloudy
Stockholm	10	50	16	61	cloudy
Toronto	06	43	22	72	clear
Vienna	10	50	15	59	rain
Zurich	10	50	15	59	cloudy

Atlit man remanded in alleged murder of wife

YA'ACOV Lamrovich of Atlit was remanded for 10 days Friday by the Haifa Magistrate's Court on suspicion he shot and killed his wife, Rahel, Thursday night, with his licensed pistol.

Judge Ya'acov Wagner ordered that Lamrovich undergo psychiatric evaluation to determine if he is able to stand trial.

During questioning, Lamrovich told police an angel had come to him and told him to send his wife "back to her mother," who was murdered 14 years ago.

Lamrovich admitted during the hearing that he had been hospitalized in the Tirat Carmel psychiatric hospital twice.

He said he had been hospitalized once for three months last year, and earlier this year for about six weeks.

Police over the weekend said they had checked with the director of the Tirat Carmel facility, who said he had reported Lamrovich's hospitalization to the Health Ministry.

But Haifa investigator Dep.-Cmdr. David Tuval said police had never received any information to the effect that Lamrovich had been in a psychiatric facility.

Rahel Lamrovich had complained to the police several times about abuse by her husband.

The police also had no information about Lamrovich possessing a licensed gun, Tuval said, noting that Lamrovich's wife, in her complaints, had never mentioned it.

Health Minister Ephraim Sneh said that the ministry's data base contained all the information on mental patients submitted to it by the various facilities.

Sneh said that all relevant authorities, including the police, have access to the data.

(Itim)



Doctors from the Cita Institute poses at Ben-Gurion Airport on Friday before taking off for Italy, where they will take part in Operation Hope, an intensive attempt at rehabilitating 500 drug addicts in a center near Milan. An Israeli, Dr. Andre Weisshar, is heading the team of international professionals who hail from Spain, North America, Mexico, Greece, and Italy. (Israel Sun)

SPNI, NRA remove animal traps along northern coast

DAVID RUDGE

DOZENS of young Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel volunteers together with Nature Reserve Authority rangers took part in a special "Save the Animals" mission along the coast south of Haifa last week.

NRA officials said that they had dismantled no less than 40 various traps and snares that had apparently been laid by workers from Thailand.

The operation was carried out in farming land adjoining the coast from the Dor beach nature preserve in the south, as far north as Tirat Carmel.

In addition to dismantling the traps, the volunteers also distributed explanatory leaflets in the Thai language to Thai nationals working in the fields.

The leaflets explained about the legal ban on poaching and harming wild animals in any way and of the penalties imposed on offenders.

In the case of foreign workers the penalty could involve deportation.

Conservationists believe that dozens of wild animals including fowl, rare sea turtles, jackals, fish, martens and other species have been killed or injured as a result of poaching by Thai nationals working here.

Ramon denies paying Labor Party dues

HISTADRUT Chairman Haim Ramon said last night that contrary to reports, he did not resume paying his Labor Party membership dues and is considering running for the Knesset on a separate list.

Ramon said he was on a plane back to Israel when he was surprised to read in a newspaper that he had resumed paying his Labor Party dues. "I'm true to my stand not to do anything in this regard, either positive or negative. I learned from the paper that I started paying – and that's really not the case," he said.

Ramon said he would decide by the end of this year or the beginning of 1996 what his plans are. He said the decision was difficult because "it can have ramifications concerning who will win in the race between Bibi [Netanyahu] and [Yitzhak] Rabin, and it's known and clear that I support Yitzhak Rabin in this race, and I wouldn't want my running to lead to Bibi Netanyahu winning the race for prime minister."

However, Ramon said that if he ran, a list headed by him could take mandates from Likud supporters as well. "Not many, but in a political deadlock, every mandate that goes from one side to the other is significant," he said. "If I decide to run separately, I expect it will be a very, very interesting list." *Itim*

Denmark refuses neo-Nazi's request for asylum

COPENHAGEN (Reuter) – Denmark turned down US neo-Nazi leader Gary Lauck's last-ditch request for political asylum on Friday, clearing the path for his extradition to Germany where he is wanted for Nazi propaganda activity.

"His application was turned down today because it was obviously unfounded. It is now up to the police to go through with the extradition," Poul Mose Hansen, administrative director of the Danish Immigration Board, told Reuters.

In Buenos Aires, the chief prosecutor on Friday requested that the Supreme Court overturn an appeals court ruling blocking the extradition of a former Nazi to Italy. Erich Priebke, a former SS captain, faces charges of participating in a 1944 massacre of 335 civilians in Nazi-occupied Rome.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Jordanians help clear Arava mines

IDF and Jordanian troops will begin removing mines in the Arava from areas transferred from Israel to Jordan. The procedure is outlined in the agreement between the two countries on transferring areas to Jordan, some of which were mined in the past by the IDF. *Itim*

Sarid: Meretz supports Rabin for next PM

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said on Friday that Meretz would not forward a candidate for prime minister if Yitzhak Rabin runs for re-election, but it will if someone else runs for the Labor Party.

In a meeting with the young guard of the Meretz party on Friday, Sarid responded to a question on Meretz's chances in the next election by saying that Meretz had accomplished what it had promised in its platform in only three years. *Itim*

Sarajevo Jewish leader coming to Israel

The long-time head of the Sarajevo Jewish community, Ivan Ceresnjes, has left the beleaguered city and is on his way to Israel. Ceresnjes will arrive on Wednesday, joining his wife and three children who have been living in Jerusalem for the past three years. *Batsheva Tsur*

Youth hurt in jump from cliff

An 18-year-old youth was seriously injured yesterday when he jumped from a cliff into a natural pool at Gan Hashlosha in the Beit She'an Valley.

An MDA mobile intensive care unit succeeded in resuscitating him and he was taken to Afula's Ha'emek Hospital.

Police are considering whether to press charges against irresponsible hikers who force rescue teams to spend thousands of shekels to save them from situations that could have been avoided. Police believe it is legal to try to at least recover the costs of the rescue. *Itim*

Man seriously hurt in fall from window

Arye Bloch, 40, of the Ma'afot Dafna neighborhood of Jerusalem, was seriously injured Friday night when he fell out of a window in his second-story home.

Bloch was diapering his baby with his back to the open window when he apparently began feeling dizzy and stepped backwards, slipped, and fell out the window. Police say that since Bloch was in the room alone except for the baby, it still isn't clear how he slipped.

Bloch suffered skull fractures and fractures in his pelvis and legs. He is in the pulmonary intensive care unit of Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem. *Itim*

Repairs on airport runway start today

REPAIR work on the main runway at Ben-Gurion Airport is to begin today, the Airports Authority has announced.

The work is to take about four months and will cost an estimated NIS 20.5 million.

During the work, takeoffs and landings are to take place on two side runways.

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